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38	READING	BRADFORD C.
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SOCCER POOLS TIPS

SOCCER POOLS

by Jock Stephen



I LIKE my chances on the 16th of November for a bash at the boodle, with the form games taking closer order. Following on Leeds great showing against Liverpool, I can see that it will not take long for them to rise in the League Table.

However the Middlesborough side are playing fine football and a draw could be the end result. West Ham and Wolves, both middle of the table, should not be far apart at ninety minutes. So my NAP HAND for the 16th is Leeds v Liverpool, West Ham v Wolves, West Bromwich v Bristol City, Halifax v Huddersfield and Stenhousemuir v Stirling Albion.

On relating my selections with the leading U.K. forecasters over the past six weeks, I find that I am at least holding my own. In my favour, I cannot give you the last word, due to going to press so early. However, to compensate for this, I will bring you the latest from Britain on the selections for the current week. For the 9th of November the STAR SELECTIONS are: Coventry v Leeds, Middlesborough v Newcastle, Tottenham v Everton, Wolves v Ipswich, Sheffield Wednesday v York, Bury v Crystal Palace, Huddersfield v Colchester, Wrexham v Hereford United, Bradford City v Barnsley and Brentford v Mansfield. For my part, I like to think that there will be at least three draws in Scotland. Numbers 44-48 and 53 could be the Scottish matches to make a worthwhile dividend possible.

What a bag of victories there were last week. Wales defeated Hungary 2-0, England performed extremely well to defeat Czechoslovakia 3-0, Northern Ireland gave Sweden's strongest team in years a football lesson to win 2-0, The Republic of Ireland reversed previous losses to run rings round the U.S.S.R. team 3-0. Yugoslavia beat Norway 3-1, and in a friendly, Scotland gave East Germany no chance with a brilliant display. This was all the more meritorious, as the famous names of Billie Bremner, David Hay, Danny McGrane and Peter Lorimer were all missing from the line-up of the Blues. Graham Souness, the youngest of this young international side, performed like a veteran at mid-field. Tommy Hutchinson (penalty) Kenny Burns and Kenny Dalglish were the scorers, in their 3-0 victory.

IN HOROSCOPIA

Ray Clemence of Liverpool, born between July 23rd and August 23rd, under the Zodiacal sign of Leo, Leo subjects are proud, generous, energetic and domineering. They are probably the strongest of the signs of the Zodiac. They are ideal when involved in group activities as their great energy spurs the others on, and being such strong

characters things very often go their way. The Lucky Stone is the Ruby.

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The final word for November 9th. My NAP HAND is 1-3-14-29-44. The remainder of likely draws for this date are: 8-9-15-19-25-26-30-31-34-37-41-42-48-53. I feel that by reducing the field from 57 matches down to 19 matches, you do have a much greater opportunity of cashing in on the divvies. This is unusually the lean time for pools punters, as November is notorious for few draws. However, the divvies can be very rewarding by the same token. The general consensus of opinion regarding the first Aussiepool, was the amount being much less than anticipated. The answer being that most of the draws were not entirely unexpected.

Well, well, first it was on, then it was off. Bayern Munich could not come up with a date for their Munich leg of the World Club Championship. It seems their calendar was an extremely busy one during December, now they have agreed to meet the Champions of South America, Independiente of the Argentine on the 21st of December in Munich. The return engagement will be staged in Buenos Aires during the month of January. I believe there was quite a period when it

might not have been held at all, but some shuffling of fixtures took place to permit the World's most important fixture to be held.

BE FORWARDED

The pools coupon for 23rd November could be delayed by the draw for the F.A. Cup 1st Round. However as is usually the custom, English Leagues Div. One and Two fixtures are played, whilst the Third and Fourth Divisions and other qualifiers go into the draw for the First Round. So the first 22 numbers will probably be:

1. Burnley v Newcastle.
2. Carlisle v Leeds.
3. Chelsea v Sheffield Utd.
4. Coventry v Arsenal.
5. Derby v Ipswich.
6. Liverpool v West Ham.
7. Luton v Everton.
8. Manchester City v Leicester.
9. Middlesbrough v Q.P.R.
10. Tottenham v Birmingham.
11. Wolves v Stoke City.
12. Aston Villa v Portsmouth.
13. Bristol City v Blackpool.
14. Hull City v Manchester Utd.
15. Millwall v Cardiff.
16. Norwich City v Bolton Wanderers.
17. Notts Forest v York.
18. Orient v West Brom. Albion.
19. Oxford Utd. v Bristol Rivers.
20. Sheffield Wed. v Fulham.
21. Southampton v Oldham.
22. Sunderland v Notts County.

The Scottish League fixtures should be undisturbed on the 23rd November, but it will not be known in what position these figures will be placed, until after the 1st Round draw of the F.A. Cup has been made. You can be assured that the daily papers in Melbourne will publish them, as soon as received. Scottish League fixtures for that date are:

- 1ST DIV
- Airdrie v Patrick Thistle.
Ayr Utd. v Arbroath.
Clyde v Kilmarnock.
Dumbarton v. Dundee.
Dundee Utd. v Aberdeen.
Dunfermline v Morton.
Hearts v Celtic.
Rangers v Hibernians.
St. Johnstone v Motherwell.

- 2ND DIV
- Brechin City v Alloa Ath.
Falkirk v Berwick Rangers.
Meadowbank Thistle v East Fife.
Forfar Ath. v Queens Park.
Hamilton v Stranraer.
Queen of South v Albion

- Rovers.
Raith Rovers v Clydebank.
St. Mirren v Cowdenbeath.
Stirling Albion v East Stirling.
Stenhousemuir v Montrose.

The next date which will create a delay will be the 14th December. Provisional fixtures have been drawn up for League matches both in England and Scotland, Divs 1 and 2. Scottish Cup Round One and F.A. Cup Round Two come up for decision on that date.

Have you obtained your copy of the new blue booklet issued by A.S.P. This book is conveniently laid out, and explains: How do Soccer Pools work? How to fill in your Entry Form, Explains the Division of Prize Money, How to check your Score, giving examples WITH checking tables. A most interesting feature is on entries by Syndicates and also on Double Entries. With the possibility that you may be called on to use a Multiple Week form, should coupons with matches not be available, there is a page devoted to this type of coupon which operates with numbers only. The convenience with this particular coupon is that you can fill one in for say; 20 weeks and not have any worries about missing or forgetting to complete weekly coupons in time. That's to say if you are the forgetful type, like me. For pools competitors living in distant places, I will be happy to forward literature on request. Stamped Addressed Envelope, please. Box 134, Kew, Vic. 3101. Victoria.

It is very pleasing to welcome Northern Tasmania to Soccer Week, and I trust readers there will find much to interest them, and also to hear from the Apple Islanders with opinions and questions on everything to do with King Soccer. I feel that the pools have shared with T.V. in bringing the world's most popular team sport out of the dark into the light of public recognition.

NORTH VERSUS SOUTH 3rd Instalment

Ronnie Allen, the former West Brom. Crystal Palace and England player makes this point: "In London players tend to live so far away from each other and the immediate area of the ground that local criticism does not affect them much. In the North what the local baker or milkman has to say about any particular team or player soon reaches the ears of both club and player."

Jimmy Hill, well known to T.V. viewers, says: "London is too cosmopolitan to have the really furiously keen club supporter. We have nothing like the Northern crowds' support in the South." One club that has championed the South

over a consistently long period is Arsenal. They have had seven championship wins and are now in a slump, Arsenal's total of nine semi-final appearances is the highest of any London club. But this is peanuts compared with the 17 semi-final appearances of Aston Villa, 16 by Blackburn 15 by West Bromwich or 13 by Everton. True, there are more clubs in the North so that the odds must always be with them. But it is quality, not quantity that counts. The Northerner, by his very nature has a built-in determination to do well, and this comes to the fore when he has to do battle with the sophisticated Southerners and their "Powder-Puff" football, as one manager

called it. It is up to the South, Clubs and Supporters alike, to re-dress this balance and so foster the spirit of friendly rivalry between North and South, which can be the best attitude in keeping a high standard. In the meantime, I suppose there's just one good old Northern word for the predominance of Northern club successes... CHAMPION!

These seven lucky ladies won over 375,000 between them in the space of six months. Mrs. R. Ison of Nuneaton won 23,146, Mrs. E. Taylor of Bromsgrove won 44,300, Mrs. V. Lock of Harlow, Essex won 78,611, Mrs. L. Kelly of

Glasgow won 123,509, Mrs. E. Unwin of Histon won 51,123, Mrs. J. Dowber of Rochdale won 33,464, and Mrs. E. Walker of Tottenham won 21,897. These ladies all won their golden eggs a couple of years ago on Vernons, the parent of Australian Soccer Pools. Which just goes to show that Soccer Pools are not simply for men. Mrs. Kelly said "I know absolutely nothing about football. I just filled in the coupon any old how." Mrs. Lock decided to take over from her husband. He had been doing them for years without success, but it took me three months to crack it for my big win. Still to show him that she was goodhearted, she went shares with him.

RESULTS FROM LAST WEEKS GAMES

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English Division One:
A r s e n a l 0,
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0; Birmingham City 2, Chelsea 0; Everton 2, Manchester City 0; Ipswich Town 1, Liverpool 0; Leeds United 0, Derby County 1; Leicester City 1, Burnley 0; Newcastle United 1, Luton Town 0; Queens Park Rangers 2, Coventry City 0; Sheffield United 2, Carlisle United 1; Stoke City 2, Tottenham Hotspur 2; West Ham United 3, Middlesbrough 0.

English Division Two:
Blackpool 3, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Bolton Wanderers 2, Nottingham Forest 0; Bristol Rovers 0, Southampton 1; Cardiff City 2, Sunderland 0; Fulham 3, Aston Villa 1; Manchester United 4, Oxford United 0; Notts County 5, Hull City 0;

Oldham Athletic 1, Millwall 1; Portsmouth 0, Bristol City 1; West Bromwich Albion 1, Norwich City 1.

English Division Three:
Blackburn Rovers 1, Bury 0; Bournemouth 1, Port Vale 2; Charlton Athletic 0, Plymouth Argyle 2; Chesterfield 2, Walsal 2; Colchester United 1, Wrexham 1; Crystal Palace 1, Peterborough United 1; Halifax Town 3, Preston North End 0; Hereford United 1, Huddersfield Town 1; Swindon Town 3, Grimsby Town 2; Tranmere Rovers 1, Brighton and Hove Albion 2; Watford 1, Aldershot 1.

English Division Four:
Barnsley 1, Brentford 1; Chester 4, Rochdale 0; Hartlepool 3, Workington 0; Mansfield Town 3,

Bradford City 0; Reading 3, Darlington 0; Rotherham United 1, Newport County 1; Scunthorpe United 1, Crewe Alexandra 1; Shrewsbury Town 0, Lincoln City 4; Southport 3, Exeter City 0.

Scottish Division One:
Arbroath 1, Dundee United 3; Ayr United 3, Hearts 3; Celtic 1, Aberdeen 0; Dumbarton 2, Airdrieonians 0; Dundee 4, Clyde 1; Hibernian 5, Morton 0; Motherwell 1, Dunfermline 2; Partick Thistle 2, Kilmarnock 2; St. Johnstone 1, Rangers 2.

Scottish Division Two:
Albion Rovers 1, Queens Park 2; Cowdenbeath 1, Brechin City 2; East Fife 2, Berwick Rangers 1; East Stirling 1, Raith Rovers 1; Meadowbank Thistle 1, Falkirk 0; Montrose 2, Forfar Athletic 1; Queen of the South 1, Alloa Athletic 1; St. Mirren 0, Hamilton Academicals 1; Stirling Albion 3, Clydebank 3; Stenhousemuir 0, Stranraer 0.

UPSETS START

LONDON: Ipswich Town and Everton moved up threateningly on English First Division football leaders Liverpool on Saturday as Ipswich defeated Liverpool 1-0 and Everton dislaced Manchester City from second spot by beating them 2-0.

Liverpool kept their one point lead with a total of 21 points, but now there are three clubs on their heels, Ipswich and Everton having joined Manchester City on the 20-point mark. Liverpool, however, have a match in hand of the other three. For 83 minutes Ipswich did everything but score against Liverpool, but just as it looked as if the league leaders would hang on for a draw, Brian Talbot got the vital goal for Ipswich. The two points they won put them in second place in the table with a better goal average than Everton (third) and Manchester City (fourth).

John Connolly got his first goal of the season for Everton in the eighth minute to give them the lead over Manchester City, and Gary Jones clinched their win by scoring in the 85th minute.

Middlesbrough, fourth in the table before Saturday's matches, crashed to a 3-0 defeat by

West Ham United, who had not beaten them in a first division match for 45 years. Goals by Keith Robson and Graham Paddon, plus an own goal by Stuart Boam, gave West Ham their fine win over the club with the best away record in the first division. Middlesbrough's previous eight away games had earned them 11 points.

Luton Town, at the bottom of the first division table, held out for 76 minutes against Newcastle United, but then a John Tudor goal condemned them to a 1-0 defeat and continued tenancy of the bottom spot.

London clubs Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur, second and third from the bottom, both drew, and just above them their fellow Londoners Queen's Park Rangers defeated Coventry City 2-0 to move up three places in the table.

Arsenal drew 0-0 at home with Wolver-

hampton Wanderers (Tottenham, a goal, down after eight minutes, came back with two from their recent £264,000 signing John Duncan to force a 2-2 draw at Stoke. Don Givens, who scored a hat-trick in the Republic of Ireland's 3-0 European championship win over the Soviet Union on Wednesday, got one of Queens Park Rangers' goals and on Saturday Stan Bowles scored the other one.

Manchester United continued their triumphant race at the top of the Second Division table with a 4-0 win over Oxford United. With nearest rivals Norwich City held to a 1-1 draw at West Bromwich, United increased their lead from four points to five.

Manchester United striker Stuart Pearson tore the heart out of Oxford with a superb first-half hat-trick. Their other goal also came in the first half, from Lou Macari.

Notts County swamped Hull City 5-0, with the goals scored by Ray O'Brien — his first

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ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE							
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Liverpool	15	10	1	4	22	9	21
Ipswich	16	9	2	5	20	10	20
Everton	16	8	10	1	22	17	20
Manchester City	16	8	4	4	20	18	20
Stoke	15	6	6	3	25	20	18
Middlesbrough	15	7	4	4	22	19	18
Derby	16	6	6	4	24	22	18
Sheffield United	16	7	4	5	24	20	17
Newcastle	15	6	5	4	20	20	17
West Ham	16	6	4	6	28	25	16
Birmingham	16	7	2	7	24	23	16
Burnley	16	7	2	7	24	25	16
Wolves	16	4	7	5	16	17	15
Leicester	14	5	4	5	18	18	14
Coventry	15	4	6	5	20	26	14
Queens Park Rangers	15	4	5	6	15	17	13
Carlisle	16	5	3	8	14	16	13
Chelsea	15	3	6	6	16	25	12
Leeds	15	4	3	8	16	17	11
Spurs	15	4	3	8	19	23	11
Arsenal	15	3	4	8	15	20	10
Luton	16	1	7	8	13	23	9

DIVISION TWO							
Manchester United	16	12	3	1	29	7	27
Norwich	15	8	6	1	22	10	22
Sunderland	15	7	5	3	23	11	19
Aston Villa	15	7	5	3	25	12	19
West Bromwich	15	5	6	5	18	12	16
Bristol City	14	5	6	3	12	9	16
Blackpool	16	5	6	5	17	14	16
Hull	16	5	6	5	19	30	16
Fulham	16	5	5	6	19	12	15
Bolton	14	6	3	5	16	13	15
York	16	5	5	6	21	20	15
Notts County	16	4	7	5	19	20	15
Nottingham Forest	16	6	3	7	18	23	15
Oxford	15	6	3	6	15	24	15
Bristol Rovers	15	5	4	6	13	18	14
Orient	15	4	6	5	12	18	14
Oldham	14	5	3	6	15	17	13
Southampton	15	4	4	7	19	23	12
Millwall	16	4	4	8	16	23	12
Portsmouth	16	2	7	7	12	22	11
Cardiff	15	4	2	9	15	25	10
Sheffield Wednesday	16	2	5	9	13	25	9

DIVISION THREE							
Blackburn	15	10	3	2	22	12	23
Preston	17	9	3	5	27	18	21
Colchester	17	7	7	3	25	17	21
Peterborough	16	8	5	3	19	16	21
Swindon	17	7	6	4	27	27	20
Charlton	16	8	3	5	28	24	19
Crystal Palace	16	9	1	6	22	20	19
Plymouth	17	9	1	7	23	21	19
Southend	18	7	4	7	20	18	18
Watford	17	5	8	4	24	26	18
Walsall	16	6	5	5	26	19	17
Hereford	17	6	5	6	22	18	17
Port Vale	16	5	7	4	22	21	17
Wrexham	15	5	5	5	24	21	15
Chesterfield	16	5	4	7	25	28	14
Bury	17	5	4	8	15	18	14
Grimsby	17	6	2	9	24	29	14
Halifax	17	3	8	6	20	25	14
Huddersfield	14	5	3	6	14	16	13
Brighton	17	5	3	9	18	30	13
Bournemouth	15	5	2	8	14	15	12
Tranmere	16	4	3	9	17	20	11
Aldershot	17	4	4	9	17	26	11
Gillingham	16	2	6	8	16	26	10

DIVISION FOUR							
Mansfield	18	12	4	2	35	15	28
Shrewsbury	17	10	4	3	30	16	24
Rotherham	16	8	5	3	30	16	21
Chester	17	9	2	6	24	13	20
Lincoln	15	7	5	3	32	19	19
Northampton	16	8	3	5	36	24	19
Newport	16	9	1	6	25	22	19
Southport	17	7	5	5	23	21	19
Reading	15	8	2	5	25	16	18
Barnsley	18	6	5	7	21	19	17
Bradford	17	8	1	8	18	18	17
Crewe	17	6	5	6	15	15	17
Torquay	17	5	7	5	17	21	17
Exeter	16	7	2	7	17	22	16
Cambridge	18	5	5	8	23	26	15
Swansea	19	6	3	10	23	36	15
Hartlepool	14	5	4	5	17	18	14
Darlington	19	5	4	10	27	34	14
Brentford	16	5	4	7	14	18	14
Stockport	16	5	3	8	21	30	13
Rochdale	16	4	5	7	21	30	13
Doncaster	15	4	4	7	20	25	12
Scunthorpe	17	2	6	9	15	31	10
Workington	16	3	1	12	9	31	7

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE							
Rangers	10	8	2	0	29	10	18
Celtic	9	8	0	1	28	9	16
Aberdeen	10	7	0	3	22	10	14
Hibernian	9	6	1	2	24	12	13
Dundee United	10	5	3	2	22	11	13
St. Johnstone	10	4	3	3	14	13	11
Dundee	10	4	2	4	11	10	10
Dumbarton	10	3	3	4	18	16	9
Dunfermline	10	3	3	4	15	20	9
Kilmarnock	9	2	4	3	10	19	8
Morton	10	3	2	5	9	19	8
Airdrie	10	3	1	6	10	14	7
Motherwell	10	3	1	6	15	20	7
Partick	9	3	1	5	17	22	7
Arbroath	10	3	1	6	9	18	7
Ayr	10	2	3	5	15	24	7
Clyde	10	2	2	6	12	20	6
Hearts	10	1	4	5	13	25	6

DIVISION TWO							
East Fife	13	9	3	1	24	8	21
Queen of the South	14	9	2	3	32	8	20
Montrose	14	9	2	3	26	16	20
East Stirling	14	8	3	3	28	22	19
Stenhousemuir	14	5	6	3	20	16	16
Stirling	13	7	2	4	23	21	16
Hamilton	11	6	3	2	16	10	15
St. Mirren	13	6	3	4	27	22	15
Stranraer	14	5	5	4	15	17	15
Alloa	14	4	6	4	20	14	14
Berwick	13	7	0	6	19	18	14
Falkirk	11	6	0	5	21	14	12
Albion	13	4	3	6	26	24	11
Raith	12	3	4	5	11	14	10
Clydebank	14	2	6	6	13	20	10
Cowdenbeath	13	2	6	5	15	22	10
Queens Park	13	3	3	7	11	20	9
Brechin	14	3	1	10	19	32	7
Forfar	13	1	2	10	16	38	4
Meadowbank	12	2	0	10	7	33	4

ever in the Football League — Kevin Randall, Ian Scanlon, Eric Probert and Mick Vinter.

Peter Grotier, former West Ham goalkeeper now with Lincoln City in the Fourth Division, saved a penalty twice in the match against Shrewsbury Town. After he had saved Mike Kearney's first kick, the referee ordered it to be taken again — and

Grotier saved the second effort as well. Lincoln went on to win 4-0.

In the Scottish League, Rangers kept their two points lead over champions Celtic. They beat St. Johnstone 2-1 after being a goal down in the first minute. Celtic, who have a match in hand, edged a 1-0 win over Aberdeen before a 29,000 crowd. The scorer was Paul Wilson.

ENGLISH SOCCER

By STEPHEN LUBOFSKY

As I promised, this week I will be talking about the team I regard as the best in the First Division. As you all probably know the first division in England contains some of the finest teams and players in the world today, so you can see why, choosing the best of them all is extremely difficult.

There are so many teams which could qualify for this very honoured title. Leeds United, who won last season's League Championship have a complete team of internationals, Manchester City likewise and many others. But the team I regard as the best and most consistent over the last five to six years were the Merseysiders, Liverpool Football Club.

Liverpool really epitomise what First Division football is all about. Their consistency, brilliance, skill, and all round good sporting ability have earned them many admirers, the world over. I think the most suitable thing would be to describe the team and the club set up. Here it goes.

Firstly goalkeeper Ray Clemence who I described a few weeks ago, is a brilliant goalkeeper full of skill and ability. He joined Liverpool from Scunthorpe United in June 1967 for a bargain £18,000 and established himself as Liverpool's first team keeper two years later. He is now one of Britain's best at the job, and maintains Liverpool's tradition in top class keeping. I was fortunate enough to see him in action in England-Wales World Cup Qualifying Match in 1973 and was very impressed with his brilliant reflex saves. He has now graduated from Under-23 level to full international.

Next player in 'Pools' lineup comes defender Tommy Smith. What more can be said about Tommy? He has been at Liverpool since 1963 and has played over 500 games for them. He once captained the club for quite a long spell, which was good for him and Liverpool. He is a great all-rounder, always gives 100 per cent and is one of the strongest tacklers in the game. He has to his credit two F.A. Cup winners' medals, one runners-up medal, League Championship and U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medal. He has represented at Youth, Under-23 and International levels. A brilliant player.

Alec Lindsay is next in Liverpool's brilliant defence. In my opinion Alec is one of the most underrated players in the league, but I reckon he's brilliant. A couple of seasons ago he was struggling to put his game

together but has now shrugged off his critics by playing brilliant football. He joined 'Pool' in 1969 for £60,000, after making 126 appearances for his home team Bury. He is a very enterprising full-back who also has a knack for goals. Remember the one disallowed in the Cup Final. He is by far the best kicker of a ball and is at present penalty-taker at Liverpool.

Liverpool's star forward, that's Kevin Keegan. He has made a meteoric rise to stardom since joining Liverpool from Scunthorpe in May 1971 for a pety \$35,000. He scored in his first division debut after brilliant play against Nottingham Forest, and since then has become a regular for Liverpool and is now playing in the England team. He is only 5'8" tall, but is brilliant in the air, and a vast percentage of his goals are scored from his head. He is called "the pocket-rocket" for his incredible speed, skill, dribbling, and goal scoring feats. A very fine player to have in a team.

One of the nippiest players in the First Division, that's how I would describe Liverpool's Brian Hall. This midget forward has really earned a name for himself, by playing for Liverpool, and has really put in some sterling displays. He was born in Glasgow, and signed professional in June 1968 after gaining a science degree at Liverpool University. He is very compact, alert, aggressive midfielder player who has an eye for the half-chance. He is an excellent dribbler, and works for the whole game. He has been one of their outstanding players over recent years.

Like Brian, Liverpool also have another University graduate in their first team. I am of course refering to the brilliant Dublin born Eire International striker Steve Heighway. He joined Liverpool in May 1970 after shining for

nearby amateurs Skelmersdale United. He is really a 100 per cent trier who favours the left side attack and from that position scored Liverpool's goal in their 1971 Cup Final defeat by Arsenal.

He also scored from that position against Newcastle in 'Pools' victory in the Cup Final last season. He is playing better now than ever. He is by far the speediest player at Liverpool, and one of the fastest in the League.

Everybody knows his style, the way he takes full advantage of his pace, but he still manages to get to the dead ball line more time than any other player in English Football. He doesn't get the credit that is due to him by the press, and he really makes more than half of 'Pools' goals. He is a terrific crosser of the ball, and has a tremendous understanding with the rest of his teammates.

Next in Liverpool's lineup comes defender Phil Thompson. He is a native of Merseyside and joined Liverpool as an apprentice from school and signed professional in January 1971. He is now very fit and is an automatic choice for Liverpool's back four. At first sight of him Phil doesn't look like a footballer, as he is so tall and thin, exactly 6 foot. Phil isn't a flair player. He never goes in for the fancy work or attempt to start off a complicated move. He is well aware of his limitations, and plays it fast and simple. Remember the game he played against Newcastle in the Cup Final. He was brilliant in completely keeping Malcolm MacDonald out of the game.

Peter Cormack is Liverpool's centre-half. He played for Hibernian, one of Scotland's greatest clubs while at an age of 15!, and moved to Nottingham Forest for £85,000 in March 1970. This very fine well-balanced, skilful Scottish midfielder international signed for Liverpool in July of 1972 for £110,000. He has really revelled in Liverpool's success and has added new-dimension to their play by giving them more flair in the midfield and making it harder for opponents to anticipate their moves. Liverpool are very lucky to possess such a fine midfielder.

Next comes the brilliant midfielder Emlyn Hughes. Really, there isn't much that can be said about him any more. He is the sort of player every youngster should look up to and follow. He is absolutely brilliant, and doesn't use all the fancy footwork. He is now Liverpool's new captain, and was recently appointed captain of England which he really deserves. He stars in midfield or the back-four for his club, and plays at full back for England. He joined 'Pools' from Blackpool in March 1967 for £65,000 then a record fee for a full back. He is so hard working, never gives less than 100 per cent and has a tremendous shot, especially on the volley. Half of Emlyn's game is en-

thusiasm, which is one of the reasons Don Revie chose him to captain England. Other players may match him for ability and skill, but none match him for his zest.

John Toshack is Liverpool's big centre-forward. He hasn't had a regular place last season because of a nagging hamstring injury. He is a very tall player and became Liverpool's costliest player when signed from Cardiff City for £110,000 in November 1970. He is a very tall and powerful striker, and is particularly dangerous when rising to far post crosses and is adapt to laying on chances for others. Toshack possesses very fine foot skills and is a regular Welsh International. He has certainly repayed Liverpool their money in the goals he has scored for them.

Liverpool born, that's Liverpool's longest serving player Ian Callaghan. "Callie" is a model one club man who made well over 600 appearances for this club. Ian made his debut in April of 1960.

He originally played as a right-winger and was capped twice by England in that position, but now stars in the midfield. Callaghan is the "granddad" of the team and is now approaching the veteran stage, but still gives all the energy he possesses in matches and at training.

In his very long and distinguished career he has gained League Championship Medals in 1964, 1966, 1973 and played in 'Pool's' Cup Final teams of 1965, 1970, and 1973.

Although only a pocket size 5'7" he can still out pace, out think, and out dribble most defenders. In all his fourteen year career, he has never been booked. A truly remarkable player.

Then comes that fiery forward Phil Boersma, who now seems to have pulled down a regular first team place. Phil can kick with either foot, is very fast, a good skilful dribbler of the ball, and has scored many important goals for the club, despite his disputes with them.

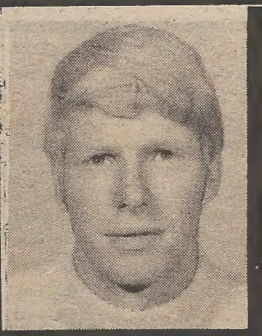
Liverpool's most expensive signing is Ray Kennedy who was bought by ex-manager Bill Shankly for £200,000. Ray is a fiery player, who always has an eye for the half chance. His skill will certainly be an asset for this great Liverpool team.

Who can be placed with all the credit for building up such a fine squad of players? Ex-manager Mr. Bill Shankly. Shankly was Liverpool. He has been the brain behind all of Liverpool's successes. Alas he has now retired, but Liverpool don't seem to be suffering under new manager Bill Paisley who had many years under Shankly. Well, that's Liverpool today. I hope you have enjoyed reading my impressions of a very great club.

CATS CORNER

INSIDE THE GAME

MIKE O'HARA,
SLAVIAS GOALKEEPER
DELIVERS THIS WEEKLY REPORT.



REILLY TO RETURN

Jack Reilly the much travelled Hakoah (Melbourne) 'keeper and Australian Custodian in Munich is set to reappear. The mystery surrounding Reilly since his return from Munich would fill several volumes of any Agatha Christie novel. Why did Reilly withdraw from the game?

This is the main question in point. After having a successful World Cup debut with the Australian side Reilly went on to display his fine natural ability and despite a few anxious moments in the latter part of the game against Chile was an integral factor in the "Socceroos" gaining their first ever World Cup point.

Reilly was signed by Hakoah (Melbourne) for a very large fee on Australian standards but did not do the job for them. Whilst Reilly's performances for Hakoah were very inconsistent he never failed to make the Victorian team and as we all know went on to figure in the Munich finals.

As far as Hakoah Soccer Club are concerned the fee paid for Jack Reilly was wasted, in that, had they "blooded" young Henry Posranski (Hakoah's star young goalkeeper) instead of buying Reilly they would have made a huge profit themselves by selling him to a Sydney Club.

All this supposition is now quite unnecessary as the Hakoah committee must feel really let down as far as the Reilly business is concerned. Reilly has claimed that a leg injury has not assisted his return to the game and in this regard we can feel some sympathy for the man.

Reilly's name has been recently linked with the Alexander team and rumour has it that "the man in the raincoat," Mr. Boggi (Alexander coach) wants Reilly. This would be a great piece of thinking if the following factors were overlooked.

1. Jack Reilly's business interests and life style do not make him the "desperate" 'keeper Alexander need.

2. Reilly is not a young man and the fee Hakoah would require would certainly be little less than they paid for him. This figure would be well into the \$4,000 mark, perhaps more!

3. Reilly's leg injury is of the type which will recur, therefore Alexander would be taking a good "Australian punt" if they obtain the services of "Gentleman Jack."

Fred Habbe's defence of the female soccer players of Victoria and indeed the world was heart warming. It's a wonderful thing to see a man with Mr. Habbe's obvious fervent determination giving his physical and mental all to the ladies cause in Victoria. With Mr. Habbes

obvious drive and fire behind them we are in serious danger of being overrun by the ladies teams as his statistics are truly astounding. Continue the excellent work you are doing Mr. Habbe as I for one regard your work as a most enjoyable pastime.

To my mind Laurie Schwab and Fred Villiers are the only top professional writers in Victoria today. The others try to be! When any constructive ideas about what is wrong with the game and what should be done to further the game, these two men are at the forefront. Any critical comments always make people cringe and resent but the truth always hurts and writers who continue in their beliefs for the good of the game are to be praised. Fred Villiers and Laurie Schwab are the best. The rest, well use your imagination!

Russell Wilson is just another man in the street but not to anyone associated with First Division Club Albion Rovers. Russell is the President of the club and has done as much as anyone to put the club where it is today. A very honest, unassuming man Russell Wilson is one of many Metropolitan League Club officials who love the game and perpetrate their love by giving countless hours of their time to it.

soccer will eventually overtake State League in that the clubs have a natural common bond "unity". For as the Aldous Huxley novel "Brave New World" tells us to live we must have "Community, Identity, Stability". These are the keywords of most of the metro' league clubs today.

Mooroolbark are a fine example of what can be done by professional thinking administrators. Mooroolbark United Soccer Club are a credit to the Victorian Soccer Federation. Their performances both on and off the field are a clear example of the unity which exists within the club. For only with 100 per cent effort from every player, committeeman

and spectator can a club succeed.

Alexander Soccer Club as we all know are searching for a goalkeeper, my advice to them is "Go north". Brisbane at the moment has some exciting material.

Current Queensland 'keeper Kevin Jones (St. George Brisbane) will return to England next month for trials with First Division Club Derby County. John Ferguson (Annerley) a former England youth international is next in line for the state job.

Another top boy is young John Hardaker (Lions) who has only been in the game for five months. So Alexander take your pick!

On Friday of this week the Salesian Chadstone Catholic Secondary College will hold its presentation evening for the Soccer section of the school. A film has been obtained from the German Consulate in Canberra and a smorgasbord type meal service will be operative.

Any soccer followers are welcome to attend the function as well as the womens soccer players or officials of any club. The evening should be quite entertaining so try and get along. The address is Bosco Street, Chadstone.

Two Slavia players have already struck a high note on their new venture namely the window cleaning business. Frank Campbell and Charlie Murphy who are now known professionally as "Able Window Cleaning Service" (51-4262) have been steadily increasing their

number of clients. So much so that larger companies have tried to edge them out.

Such is the quality of "Able Window Cleaning Services" work that it won't be long before Frank and Charlie begin employing their own assistants!

It's quite gratifying to see a couple of men give some quality of work in this day and age. Tremendous work fellows, people want the best value for money and when they want their windows cleaned, they know where to ring!

Soccer is a great game but athletics is something which is closely associated in respect of fitness and training progression. So much so that during the Christmas school vacation I shall be a guest of the U.C.L.A. (University California, Los Angeles) athletic section.

This will be a tremendous opportunity for me to see athletics coaching and technique at its best. The value of such a course cannot be measured in dollars! My knowledge will be greatly advanced when I return and all that I have learnt will be "channelled" to the children at St James next year.

The Victorian team to play L.K.S. is training in earnest and Slavia recruit Bobby Kent must be certain of a place for he has gone ahead and got himself a very neat Italian style hair cut.

His lovely wife Vera will have to padlock him until he runs out next January!! Able Window Cleaner Charlie Murphy has had a bid from Wilhelmina, "straight from the Horse's mouth." Charlie would not divulge the figure required by Slavia but it doesn't seem to have hindered progress in negotiations. Murphy could be flying the "orange flag" on his window cleaning truck for the 1975 season!

Vincent French the "Slavia typhoon" as he is known is the driving force behind Prahran Slavia Soccer Club. In next week's edition of Soccer

Week my column will be devoted to this great guy who is surely the most incredulous worker the club has ever had. As Secretary of Slavia his roll is from orange boy to

transfer negotiator. What a role he plays and for what? He doesn't get paid a penny! That's the love of the game, man!!! Or for Mr Habbe (woman).

THE CAMPBELLS ARE COMING!

BY FRANK CAMPBELL

NOW THAT Sunshine City are officially a State League side, I would like to introduce you to a man who deserves some praise. His name is Matt Patterson.

Since their promotion Matt has been seen and heard on every State League ground promoting Sunshine City as if they were the next Leeds United. Sunshine are a very enthusiastic club, and at the moment they are preparing their players for a three-day pre-season training course, including Sunday.

Now that they have the right professional approach to next season all they need is the right professional players, which they will no doubt need to stay in the State League next year. So let's see the colour of your money Sunshine!

G.T.V. 9 cameramen were at Sandown dog track last week testing the floodlight system for colour TV. It seems if all goes well that's where the new soccer night competition will be held.

CROYDON are about to appoint a new team manager. His name is Norman Hobson. Norman

was a coach with Shrewsbury town for a long time. With his experience I'm sure he will be a great asset to Croydon.

I heard through the Grapevine that when Prahran Slavia succeeded in obtaining Sandown Park as a home ground next season, there will be a new outlook on the club's promotion for players and supporters, such as changing the name of the club. This came about when it was pointed out that all the players were British, so why have a name like Slavia. Of course if this did happen half of the committee would resign, as they are all Czechoslovakian but this would be of no importance at all as there are plenty of other people with money and new ideas ready to take their place.

Hellas at the moment are rolling on cloud nine after their victory over Toni Boggi's terrors and look all set to take out the treble next Sunday. I can only say enjoy it while it lasts because next season you will not be having it so easy.

I feel next season will be one of the most important in Victorian soccer for years. Like every single one of the twelve clubs... it is going to be extremely tough going. We at Slavia are not just aiming for a top four placing, we will be going all out for that top spot.

The League Championship hasn't been won by Slavia for a long time and I think it is about time we went about rectifying that situation.

Can we do it? Of course we can! People forget we had more than our fair share of injuries last year plus the fact that a lot of players — good normally consistent players went off the boil all at the same time. This is something that proves to be a nightmare for any manager. If one player is out of touch the manager has two choices. He can persevere with him in first team in the hope that he regains his form, or he can simply drop him, play him in the reserves to build his confidence and put him back into the senior side. But what can you do when five or six players all go off form at the same time? You can't just drop half a team can you! I have devoted a lot of space this week telling you what Slavia intend to do next season, but what about the other teams? Obviously I don't know what goes on behind their doors, but I won't be wrong in thinking next season is going to separate the men from the boys and should prove very interesting.

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Now a bit on the domestic scene in Britain. The Championship race is really hotting up in England at the moment. Liverpool lost to Ipswich which means the Portman Road Club is battling against all three Lancashire clubs, Liverpool, Everton, Manchester City. Ipswich's goal didn't come till the second half when Lambert broke the Liverpool defence, and enabled Talbot to score. Everton also gave Manchester City a hammering at Goodson Park. John Conolly and Gary Jones scored for Everton which means now they have only been beaten once in 16 outings. The bottom of the ladder also looks very glum. Luton losing to a second half John Tudor goal at Newcastle, Wolves drawing at Arsenal, and Leeds lost at home to Derby County.

"Frannie" Lee scored for the Rams, and he is proving to be a great asset for them since coming from Manchester City. Tottenham could have something to smile

about. Their new signing John Duncan from Dundee scored both of their goals in a 2-2 draw with Stoke City. Salmons and Greenhoff replying for the Potters.

At Upton Park West Ham tore Middlesbrough apart. The Hammers seem to have found a replacement for Bobby Moore in Kevin Lock, who turned in a brilliant display constantly turning out attacks. Jim Platt, the 'Borough goalkeeper was kept very busy constantly knocking shots over the bar. The Hammers' goals were scored by Paddon, an own goal by Stuart Beam, and Highett. West Ham have now only lost one in 9 games.

In Scotland Rangers still hold their 2 point lead over Celtic. Rangers defeated St. Johnstone 1-2 away, their goals coming from Tommy McLean and Quinton Young. Celtic downed Aberdeen at Parkhead, a lone Wilson goal defeating the Dons.

Well, that's all for this week. Next week I will talk about the best team in the Second Division.

BOOK REVIEW

HAVE you ever wanted to know something about Australian soccer and never known to look for the answer?

Well, now there is a book "Jack Pollard's Soccer Records" which gives all the answers. And you can buy it at most bookstalls for \$7.50.

It has been compiled by that well-known Sydney soccer historian, Sid Grant. And what a fantastic job he's done.

He has captured Australian soccer's greatest moments in vivid text, with 150 exciting action photographs and has recorded all the facts and figures of the Australian game in 304 pages.

He has given the complete history of the round-ball code in this country plus details of all major competitions and profiles of star players and officials for the very first time.

It is certainly a book that should receive a prominent place on any soccer lover's bookshelf.

What I like about it most is the easy-to-read reference which has been tabulated from A to Z.

For instance, under A we find the Ampol Cup series giving the winners from all states. Under B is a note about Box Hill being the second oldest club in Victoria having been founded in 1922.

Under S, it tells who was responsible for the word Socceroos, and under V, we are told that an English insurance clerk, Mr A. A. Gibb, started soccer in Victoria in 1882.

This book is truly a masterpiece in Australian soccer history.

I have found it a great help for easy reference to the many queries I receive from readers and I am indebted to Sid Grant and Jack Pollard for publishing such a book that has been wanted for years.

FRED VILLIERS

SOCCER GOSSIP

JOHN GLASS, coach of the Launceston Croatia Soccer Club, of 65 Pomona Road, Riverside, Launceston, 7250, is keen to come to Melbourne during the Christmas and January holidays to further his education in coaching.

If any enterprising member of the Victorian Soccer Coaching Federation reads this perhaps they would be good enough to write to him and offer him some help.

We think one of the great things about soccer in Australia is the keenness of the people who take part in it. This is why probably soccer is beginning to kick on fast in this country at long last.

It is men like John Glass, who has written to us for help, who are making a big name for our great game in this part of the world.

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ROBERT BUCHANAN, secretary of the newly-formed Colac Soccer Club, has taken on a new job — pools tipster for the local newspaper the Colac Herald. His first effort was a beauty recording no less than seven score draws.

He's certainly given Soccer Week's Jock Stephen something to think about. But can Robert keep it up?

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COLAC were formed following a visit by HSV7's "World of Sport" Fred Villiers when he told the local Sportsmen's Club some of the history of Victorian soccer early this year. The club has really kicked on since then.

In fact Colac's progress has been outstanding. In their first league game they defeated Warrnambool Rangers 7-1. This was in the Colac Warrnambool Spring League. The club naturally are proud of their first game and the result!

Colac lost their second game 3-0 to Warrnambool West United but they then defeated Warrnambool Institute 6-4. But in a game to decide second place Colac drew 1-1 with Princetown Wanderers. However, they took second place on penalty shots 4-3.

In this series they were using an Australian rules finals system and Colac went directly into the grand final beating Warrnambool West United 3-1.

Fourth place, Warrnambool Institute, surprised Princetown Wanderers 4-2, then West United defeated Institute 5-1 in the preliminary final.

In the grand final last Sunday, West United beat Colac 3-1. Bill McLee was the early opportunist with

two first-half goals while Colac were confused in clearing the ball. Dennis Melbourne scored for Colac in the second half with a fine header before John McMillan put it out of reach.

Colac and Warrnambool are each entering a team in the Geelong-Ballarat League next winter. That's real progress for Soccer in the country.

This is how they finished in the Colac Warrnambool Spring League: Warrnambool West United 4 wins, 0 losses, 8 points; Colac Soccer Club 3 wins, 1 loss, 6 pts; Princetown Wanderers 2 wins, 2 losses, 4 pts; Warrnambool Institute 1 win, 3 losses, 2 pts; Warrnambool Rangers 0 wins, 4 losses, 0 pts.

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CAN anyone help the Colac Soccer Club who are battling to establish the game in their district? They are interested in buying a set of second-hand nets.

If you know of anyone who can help please ask them to write to the secretary Robert Buchanan, 3 McLaughlin Street, Colac, 3250. You'll be doing a good turn for a good club.

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NOT OFTEN do we sing the praises of junior clubs but the Melbourne Under 15's are worthy of mention because they have been playing all season in an age group above their own — and doing very well too.

Their coach, Bill Allison, tells me the team finished champions in the Under 16 State League Colts competition which is the premier junior competition in Victoria. In fact they were undefeated all season. That's a mighty effort — one that the boys and coach Allison can be proud of.

Here are some more interesting facts about the side which they call "The Monsters". In six seasons they have never had a permanent captain until Lou Sannipoli was appointed half way through season 1974.

The team travels about 380 miles per training night to and from home. Boys attend training as far away as Hastings, Doveton, Mooroolbark, Springvale, Rosanna, and Brunswick. And if they play at home Saturday and Sunday they train two nights a week which means a weekly total of travel involves 1520

miles. It is extremely unusual for a boy to miss training.

In six seasons of competitive soccer the club has never had a player before the disciplinary committee.

For the last four seasons, Bill Allison says the whole squad — including the keeper — has scored! The club's top scorer is Bill's son, Colin, who has netted 214 times! Team honors include four league championships; seven Cups in the last six seasons and runners-up in two leagues and one Cup.

Player Garry Groenwald was the first Victorian junior to play for Australia. Sean Rooney was switched to centre forward from centre half and this season top scored with 54 goals.

The club has produced three Victorian captains — Lou Sannipoli, Colin Allison, Attila Marton — and three Victorian vice-captains — Garry Groenwald, Paul Briscoe, G. Csifo.

The club's biggest defeat was 6-0 by Peakhurst Sydney, NSW, who were current champions of champions two years running in NSW. Melbourne beat them 1-0 the following day. It was the Sydney club's first defeat in three seasons.

Newborough United had only two defeats in five seasons in the Latrobe Valley League — both inflicted by Melbourne 5-1 (under 11), 7-1 (under 15).

This is really one of the finest records I've ever had the pleasure to write in the columns of a newspaper.

I'm sure everyone who reads it will appreciate how much hard work Bill Allison has put into the training of his boys.

Only a dedicated coach could achieve so much. Victorian soccer is proud of Mr Allison. It seems a pity there are not more men like him in our great game in Australia.

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FRED HABBE, the Metropolitan Industrial League secretary, came up with some intelligent comment in last Thursday's Soccer Week. He said Melbourne soccer writers were doing a pretty poor job of promoting the game when referring to State League clubs by their ethnic names.

He used Laurie Schwab as a classical example. Fred said Laurie made all the efforts by the Victorian Soccer Federation look a farce, and I agree with him.

But Fred should know that it's not only Laurie Schwab of The Age who is at fault. Others who do little to build an Australian image are

Fred Villiers (Sunday Observer), Jim Barker (Sunday Press), Stan Stacey (Sporting Globe), Ray Barotas (Truth) and Len Stone (Sunday Telegraph).

All these writers continue to refer to Footscray JUST as JUST after they have mentioned the full name once in their columns. Jim Barker refers to South Melbourne Hellas as "Souths" — he's the only man in Australia who refers to the club by this name. While Villiers insists on calling the club Hellas but wins friends when he calls Alexander "Fitzroy United".

These gentlemen of the Press have their own writers association which so far has set a good image with the naming of the Player of the Year at a special function. We hope this will become an annual event.

But why don't these writers sit down at one of their meetings and put their heads together and do something else which could be judged good for the game?

If only they would make up their minds once and for all to Australianise soccer by dropping all the national names from their copy they would not only be helping soccer but helping themselves.

The hand that feeds them comes from the sport. The time is near when there will be no more southern European migrants arriving in this country.

Gentlemen, all of you, can't you see someone has to look ahead and plan for the future. It really is in your hands. Surely you have the intelligence to see it.

The clubs you are calling Hellas, Alexander, Slavia, Polonia, etc., are on their last legs as far as national support is concerned. And remember the Hellas supporters are so Greek few of them can read your copy anyway! So why continue this futile effort? gained a good Scottish mid-fielder on Sunday when the signed David Stuart who had arrived in Australia only a week previously on his honeymoon. David comes from Edinburgh.

He played semi-professional in Scotland for Gala Fairydean which qualified for the first round of the Scottish Cup. David is 23. He last played about four weeks ago.

"I'm looking forward to playing with Hakoah. I hope to start training next month. I don't thin the standard of soccer here is

any higher than the standard I was playing in Scotland. I hope to meet Vince Bannon, of Fitzroy United, because the people back home often talk about him. He was a well-known player in Scotland," said David.

Fred Habbe deserves a medal for bringing this important matter out in the open. Let's hope our soccer journalists wake up and do the right thing. By reading their reports in future you can judge for yourself who is really doing his best to promote the game.

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KURT DEFRIE, secretary-manager of Hakoah St. Kilda, is one of the longest serving officials in soccer. He has been associated with the club for 24 years having arrived in Melbourne in 1946.

He has held executive positions on the State body since 1952. He is a constant helper with juniors and one of the leading forces when his club constructed its present complex at Middle Park.

We can't think of Hakoah soccer club without Kurt being part of it. Now in his middle 60's, he is still very active and is often seen these days with his fold-up chair — which he carries in the boot of his car — watching games sitting in the sun at Olympic and Middle Parks.

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BILL CURRAN, the successful under 16 State coach and Hakoah St Kilda under 16 coach, has been appointed assistant to Victorian coach Tony Boggi.

Bill will help Tony prepare the State team for their first international match next year at Olympic Park in January against Polish tourists, LKS.

Bendigo Soccer League officials have offered their ground — and their representatives team — as a trial horse for the State team within the next few weeks if coach Boggi wishes to take advantage of the offer.

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LIEF JENSEN, coach of Melbourne Under 10's, and his wife Anne, both received gifts from the team at a recent presentation night. "It came as a big surprise," Lief said.

The Jensens are two hard workers for Junior soccer and Lief was disappointed when most members of the Melbourne senior team promised to attend the junior presentation night and only the skipper, Alistair Scott, turned up.

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FITZROY UNITED ALEXANDER club have started a petition in the city of Fitzroy to help them gain the Fitzroy footy oval (which is not used by the footy club) for their own ground next season.

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SYDNEY SOCCER SCENE

BY JACK DANIELS AND OSCAR BROWN

CHANGES IN 1975

By JOE SMITH

To describe the changes planned for N.S.W. Federation Soccer in 1975 as revolutionary is no exaggeration. Providing clubs put into law what they have already verbally agreed, the code in N.S.W. will stride into a new — and surely better — era next year.

Club presidents and secretaries recently held a vital meeting (behind locked doors) with the Federation executive under the chairmanship of Federation president Peter McCann.

Mr. McCann really laid it out on the line. He told clubs the game was having a bad time. He told them it was essential to make sweeping reforms and, no doubt, indicated that if clubs didn't agree then he would get out very speedily.

Surprise, surprise! Practically every proposal in the president's blueprint (labelled the McCann Plan) was accepted by the delegates to the meeting.

They agreed to attend a special meeting, probably at the end of this month, to formally place the legislation needed. And unless they suddenly all do an about face, NSW Soccer will get its new deal in time for next season.

Here are the major points put by Peter McCann to the clubs:

- Ceiling on imports with local players getting a much better deal.
- No third grade teams in first division and at least five second grade players to be Under 21.
- Maximum promotion for one main match weekly to be staged at Sydney Sports Ground.
- Use of guest players from abroad but only during the first half of the premiership.
- Increase of club payments to the Federation from \$1,000 to \$2,000.

- Greater concentration on public relations.
- Priority to be given to first and second division matters with minor Soccer competitions being controlled by the amateur body.

Probably the most important change concerns restrictions on imported players. This is normal procedure in almost every Soccer-playing nation in the world although Australia has steadfastly remained aloof, permitting its teams to be filled by overseas players many of whom are mercenaries.

The NSW Federation attempted a year ago to implement a local player rule but when the crunch came, clubs had a change of mind and defeated the proposed legislation. Possibly it was defeated because the resolution was clumsily worded, even difficult to understand. It is to be hoped

hoping to come in the future may be wise to cancel their trips.

Critics of the present set-up, allowing unlimited imports, have fought for many years to get a better deal for local Soccer players. These critics have been abused for trying to help Aussie youngsters.

Let's get our facts straight. Nobody objects to GOOD players arriving here from overseas. Nobody objects to genuine migrants coming to Australia to settle with their families and play soccer.

The real objections concern players of limited skills who have nothing to offer the code here, who are often inferior to the local boys they displace, and who frequently make easy cash from Aussie Soccer for a year or two before returning to their home lands.

Occasionally, Australian clubs do pick up outstanding players from the U.K. They all hope to land a Jimmy Rooney, Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Jimmy Mackay or Jimmy Armstrong. But when you're searching for talent from the transfer lists of English third and fourth division, Scottish second division, or even non-league, you've got to be very lucky to strike oil.

Sydney Soccer is invaded annually by players who cannot earn a buck in Britain. It is indefensible that they should be welcomed here at the expense of good local kids.

The proposed new rule will cause clubs to concentrate on quality rather than quantity when they go talent searching overseas. When they're restricted to four imports a year, they won't want to bring in inferior talent.

Maybe this will be regarded as protective feather-bedding. Maybe it is, too. But if it helps to



PETER McCANN

produce a new generation of home-grown Soccer stars — and a truly Australian World Cup squad of future years — the restrictions will prove of immense benefit to the code.

Let us not forget that Italian Soccer hit rock bottom when the country was flooded by imports. When controls were brought in, Italy rapidly became one of the most successful international teams in the world. Spain, similarly, is still attempting to recover from an international team slump which coincided with unrestricted imports

of players.

If the local player legislation is the most controversial planned in NSW, another matter which should cause considerable talk is the move to cut out third grade teams. In theory, this could cut down opportunities for youngsters to reach the top but it is a logical move.

Only a fool would imagine there are enough talented players in the NSW Federation to allow 12 first division clubs to field three teams weekly. A club with a 15-strong squad for each team has

to sign up 45 players... most of whom are paid. To be frank, half of those players are not worth a cent.

Some wealthy clubs now subsidise their Soccer to the tune of up to \$120,000 each year. They should welcome the chance to cut their mushrooming wage bills by eliminating one team.

This year, for instance, Hakoah Eastern Suburbs had a reserve grade team in which every player had first team experience. Some were paid handsome match fees. They won the reserve team

premiership although few of the players had prospects of promotion to the first team.

In future, reserve teams will have to contain a fair percentage of young starlets. And this makes sense, too.

All in all, it looks like being a very interesting special meeting of the Federation at the end of this month. And if all the new plans go through, Sydney can look forward to a much better deal in every way for its Soccer in the future.

GOALKEEPER AGES DOES NOT MATTER

By JOE SMITH

If there is one position in a Soccer team where age is of little importance that position is goalkeeper. Providing he retains reasonable physical fitness and his reflexes do not slow down, a goalie usually improves as he gets older. Experience is his great asset and this is gained even well into his 30's.

For this reason, there should be plenty of interest in a British goalkeeper called Ian McKechnie who has written to ask friends to fix him up with an Australian club.

McKechnie is 32. He has had a long U.K. career in top class Soccer and was recently given a free transfer by second division Hull City.

At Hull, McKechnie played for eight seasons, notching an impressive 300-plus first team appearances. Before moving to Hull, McKechnie was with Southend United (70 third division appearances in two years) and before that he was an Arsenal player for six years.

With all those years of Soccer behind him, McKechnie might be

considered "over the hill." But he's a goalkeeper... not a dashing striker or an over-worked midfielder. Which is why he could do a useful job for any Aussie club.

After all, Frank Haffey, who played in goal for Scotland against England as long ago as 1960, is still an active player in N.S.W. Haffey recently completed his debut season serving St. George Budapest and Hakoah Eastern Suburbs with distinction. In his middle 30's, Haffey is probably as good as any goalie in Australia.

If Frank Haffey can stay the pace so well, why not Ian McKechnie?

Even though goalkeepers go on for ever, there is no doubt the eyes of Sydney clubs are

on young players as they plan their build-up for the 1975 season.

South Sydney Croatia coach Rex Foster says he is determined to gather together a squad of youngsters, most of whom will be Australian-born or brought up in Australia. One of Foster's first targets will be Greg Byles of Western Suburbs.

In fact, South Sydney have already contacted Wests about getting Byles. Foster was staggered when he was told the player would cost Souths \$7,000. He commented: "I'm trying to get a reserve player — not one of the first team stars. My club would probably go to \$2,500, but even that figure is pretty high for a boy who cannot get into Wests first grade."

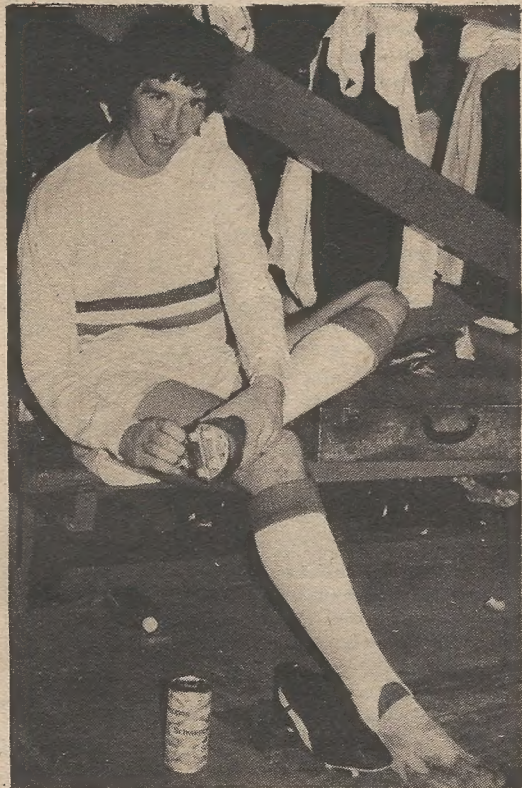
There is an air of optimism in the South Sydney Croatia camp these days following the club's shock success in the Rothmans Cup final over St. George Budapest. That win brought \$6,000 prize

money to Souths, a team which has consistently failed to win any major honours in N.S.W. competitions.

It is remarkable how South Sydney survived the loss of Billy Vojtek, one of Australia's most talented forwards, but still went on to success in the Rothmans Cup. Vojtek, after a fairly successful period with South Sydney, returned to Melbourne and it was felt his departure would seriously handicap Souths. But Vojtek, for all his brilliance, has not really been missed. The gap on the wing left by his departure has been adequately filled by John Doyle, a most adaptable player who has the ability to play in almost any position... and play well.

Doyle, an Irishman, played most of his early Soccer in the Northern N.S.W. competition but was lured from Newcastle by South Sydney — one of the best transfer deals of the past decade.

PHOTO ON RIGHT: Greg Byles



ADRIAN ALSTON

SOCCER IN CYPRUS

By JOE SMITH

The European Football Union (UEFA), controllers of Soccer throughout Europe, evidently don't feel that a matter as trivial as a war should upset their competitions.

This is the only deduction I can make after studying UEFA's reaction to the withdrawal of all Cyprus club sides from the European Cup, European Cup Winners Cup and UEFA Cup.

The clubs in Cyprus had good reasons for withdrawing from Soccer competitions. Their country was ravaged by war following the invasion by Turkey in July. But a UEFA spokesman recently commented: "This is the first time for many years that our competitions have been affected by non-sporting events, and we can only hope such things will not occur again in the future."

No doubt the suffering citizens of the island of Cyprus share that hope!

For my money, the statement by the UEFA spokesman was, albeit unintentionally, one of the most callous comments ever attributed to a sporting body. It would have been better left unsaid.

There are plenty of surprises in the various European competitions this year. Wonder how Greek Soccer fans feel about the ups and downs of their outstanding team Olympiakos of Piraeus. Olympiakos upset all the odds to eliminate the strong Celtic, Scotland's pride, from the European Cup. Then in the next round, Olympiakos were slaughtered 5-1 in the first leg of their tie against Anderlecht of Belgium. You just cannot weigh up form.

In the Nations Cup, another strange result was the 1-1 draw involving East Germany and Iceland. East Germany is rated one of the world's top powers in Soccer... they were the only side to defeat West Germany in this year's World Cup. Iceland, with due respect, has to be one of the poorest national teams in the world.

So how do you account for the 1-1 draw? Oh, by the way — this shock result didn't happen on some bumpy Icelandic

pitch with help from a "homer" referee. The match was played in Magdeburg, East Germany.

During this year's World Cup, Australia earned much credit for holding East Germany scoreless for some 55 minutes of their match in Hamburg. But after Iceland's performance, Australia's brave effort against the East Germans tends to lose some stature.

East German Soccer almost provided another shock, but a more pleasant one for them, when Bayern Munich, champion club of Europe, met Magdeburg F.C. in the European Cup. Magdeburg were ahead 2-0 at half-time in the match in Munich with goals from World Cup stars Hoffman and Sparwasser. But the opportunist Gerd Muller popped in two second half goals to level the score and the match eventually went to Bayern Munich 3-2 with a late winning goal.

There is no doubt European club Soccer is the greatest crowd puller in the world when top personalities are in action.

The European Cup brought an interesting pairing — Feyenoord of Holland against Barcelona. As every Soccer student knows, Holland's two favourite footballers, Johann Cruyff and Johann Neeskens, are now the big men in Barcelona's team. All the ingredients were there for a full house in Rotterdam.

Those Dutch spectators played their part. In pouring rain, more than 60,000 paid to suffer 90 minutes of a scoreless draw. Did somebody say Soccer was losing its crowd appeal?

Attendances are alleged to be well down in England but a glance at crowd figures for first division on October 26

reveals that only one of the 11 matches played pulled in fewer than 20,000 people. That was for the unattractive Coventry City v Carlisle United

match which still managed to attract 17,070 spectators. If the sport is going bad in England, it's obviously still very big business.

ROBERT FEKETE

By CHARLES TRENT

Robert Fekete, one of the most consistent defenders in N.S.W. Soccer, is in hospital with a broken leg in three places... but it's not a footballing injury.

Fekete, the only Jew in the Jewish-sponsored Hakoah Eastern Suburbs team, works in a garage and the leg was hurt after an accident with a vehicle while he was at work.

Although Hakoah hope Fekete will make a full recovery, they must obviously have a big question mark against his name for the start of the 1975 season in January. Manager-coach Dave Maclaren, at present in Europe on holidays, will be anxious to get a replacement... just in case.

Fekete is a true utility player. He has performed with distinction in the forward line, in midfield, and in later years, as a solid, dependable right-back. He has been called the best player never to have played for Australia, having been on the fringe of international selection for the past five or six years.

Everyone in NSW Soccer will wish the popular Robert Fekete all the best as he battles to recover from this most serious injury.

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Jimmy Rooney, Australia's World Cup midfielder, and the star player with Apia Leichhardt, leaves this month for a holiday in England and Scotland. Like his Apia clubmate Peter Ollerton, Rooney will try out with an English team while he is away.

Queens Park Rangers is the side anxious to give a trial to Jimmy Rooney. Judging by QPR's disappointing results in first division this season, the London team could do with a man of Rooney's skill and industry. The success of Adrian "Noddy" Alston with Luton Town indicates that Australia's top players are not far removed from English first division standard.

That's why Peter Ollerton was so anxious to try his luck with West Bromwich Albion when he flew to the U.K. recently.

Incidentally, both Rooney and Ollerton first hit the headlines when they played in Victorian Soccer. They were short-listed for national team places after being transferred to NSW teams. But it's a pity so many good Victorians have to travel to the next State before getting their call-up for Australia.

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Mick Jones is a qualified English Football Association coach. He moved from Yorkshire to Sydney some six years ago but has not had the best of luck as an Australian coach.

Mick coached several clubs, including Pan Hellenic, Hakoah Eastern

Suburbs and Yugal, but did not stay very long with any of them.

Last season (1974) Jones moved into second division and steered Granville to promotion to first division.

It was an excellent achievement but, believe it or not, Mick Jones will not be coaching Granville in 1975. The club has advertised for a new coach.

Mick Jones commented: "I'm quite staggered. This is the first time I've known a coach to lose his job after being obviously successful. You expect to get the sack when you fail, but not when you help a team gain promotion."

"If I had coached an English club to promotion I would be treated like a local hero. Evidently this is not the case in Australia!"

Mick Jones, like other coaches, is finding the NSW Soccer set-up difficult to understand!

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Terry Smith, brought to Sydney's Western Suburbs club from Stoke City at the start of the 1973 season, has returned to England.

Smith has not had an outstanding spell in Aussie Soccer but there is no doubt he is a skilful player.

After a so-so 1973 with Wests, Smith was transferred early this year to St George Budapest. He failed to clinch a regular first grade spot with Saints but when he was brought in for occasional matches, the former Stoke striker scored valuable goals for the team.

Saints manager John Warren commented: "Terry is a useful player but he seldom plays to his full potential. In other words, he has the ability to play much better and more consistently. That is all he lacks to be a real force in the game here."

"We have released him to return to England, subject to his being fully insured. I cannot say if he will be back to play for St George next season. Possibly much will depend on how he goes in English Soccer during the season over there."

Oddly enough, Terry Smith earned a first grade place with Saints towards the end of the season... but by that late stage, he had obviously decided to try his luck again in his native country.

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On November 1, Australia's World Cup coach Rale Rasic returned to Sydney from

his world tour. Rasic, who has visited Argentina, West Germany, Spain and Yugoslavia, came back to face all sorts of rumours and conjecture about his future.

Will Rasic remain in charge of Australia's international squad? Will he again coach the Pan Hellenic team? Will he, in fact, stay in Sydney or move interstate? These are the questions many people have been asking during his absence overseas.

As far as the national squad is concerned, Rasic realises several people are against his reappointment. Why there should be such animosity remains a mystery.

But Rasic, always the straight talker, must inevitably upset many folk because he has such firm opinions and refuses to be swayed from them. He may be a national idol to most Soccer fans after guiding Australia into the final 16 of the World Cup, but to a few knockers, he is still a difficult man to get along with.

He feels he has been let down by the Australian Soccer Federation on the matter of money for his World Cup efforts. Rasic claims he was given certain financial promises while he was in Berlin with the World Cup team last June but, despite this, he has been asked to agree that the ASF now owes him nothing. Rale Rasic certainly does not agree.

There is undoubtedly a gulf dividing Rasic and the ASF at the moment. That is a tragedy because who would doubt that he is, far and away, the man best fitted to steer Australia into the qualifying games for the next World Cup? Even if it means certain people sinking their pride, it must be hoped that peace can be restored between the Australian Federation and this outstanding coach. Personal differences of opinion should not be allowed to handicap Australia's bid for further World Cup glory.

On the club front, Rasic will probably stay with Pan Hellenic. He has completed only one year of a two years agreement with Hellenic. He is keen to stay and Pan Hellenic want him to stay. Apia Leichhardt is another club anxious to sign up Rasic but I think he will choose to stay with the Greek-sponsored outfit.

Incidentally, you can forget rumours that Rasic may switch back to his former Soccer State, Victoria. He has big business interests in NSW these days and has no intention of quitting the Sydney scene.

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St George Budapest, NSW's 1974 grand final winners, hold their annual Presentation Night on Friday November 15... but it will be far removed from the normal prize giving affair.

To inject something new into what is sometimes a boring evening Saints have prepared a novel program for the big night.

They will hold a wine tasting festival in their

magnificent club premises and will also show a 20 millimetre colour film of the team's grand final win over Hakoah Eastern Suburbs. The function will also involve a smorgasbord supper and dancing for members and guests. As I said, it's something quite new in club Presentation Nights.

Tickets are on sale at \$4 a head — pretty good value for money in these days of inflated food and drink prices.

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Auburn will operate next season on a smaller budget than most NSW first division teams.

Unlike the social clubs associated with Hakoah, St George, Wests and a few other lucky teams, the Auburn licensed club is unable to produce vast sums to finance its Soccer teams. So there will be considerable economies made — particularly in players' wages and signing-on fees.

But this is the only possible solution for new Auburn president Ron Bowman and his committee if they want to stay in Soccer without running up huge debts.

Auburn hope to help balance the books by selling centre-half Alec McMillen. The Scot is transfer listed at \$6,000 but it's doubtful if any club will go that high for a comparatively unproved player.

McMillen has performed well for Auburn but clubs expect international-class players when they shell out \$6,000 fees.

President Bowman recently held a frank

discussion with the Auburn players to point out financial difficulties and ask them to accept the new deal for 1975. He said: "I hope all the players will agree to what amounts to a new policy. If they don't, Auburn will simply have to concentrate on youngsters."

There's no doubt the gap between the wealthy Sydney clubs and the strugglers is becoming more pronounced each year. Those with money — Hakoah, Saints, Wests, Apia in particular — must inevitably collect all the major honours.

When a team can spend \$120,000 on its Soccer set-up in one year, it must surely be too strong for a competing team with a budget of around \$30,000. The rich get richer and the poor... well some may even go to the wall!

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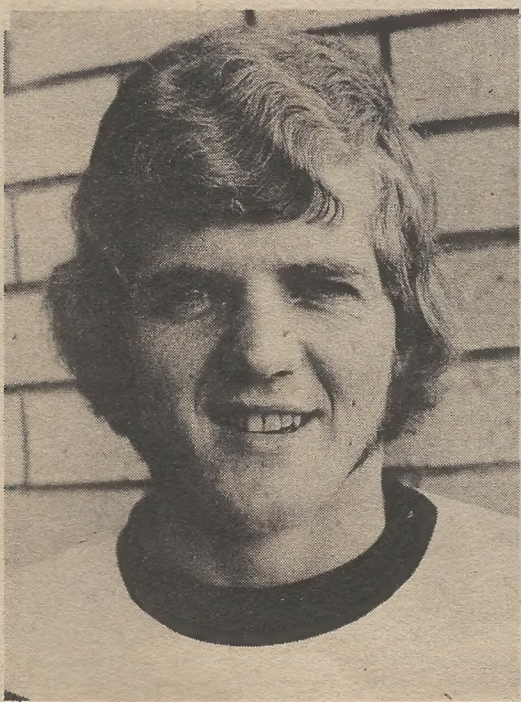
Mike Johnson, deposed manager-coach of St George Budapest, is still anxious to coach, despite his disappointment over the way he was eased out by Saints.

Johnson, one of the most knowledgeable coaches in Australia, is interested in coaching Granville, Safeway United or Marconi Fairfield. A hard worker, conscientious to the extreme, and a diligent student of Soccer's finer points, Johnson could do a valuable job for any club.

It is strange, to say the least, that when the greatest need in Australian Soccer is first class coaching, Mike Johnson finds himself searching for a club position.



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DAVID JACK WILL BE MISSED

By JOHN O'BRIEN

"I'm sorry the boy is going back to Australia — I think he was going to make it here. I was willing to offer him professional terms."

The speaker was Sir Matt Busby, world-respected boss of England's Manchester United.

Sir Matt was talking about 17 year-old striker David Jack who had just completed three months trials in 1971 with United. The youngster from Sydney had failed to settle in Manchester and homesickness caused him to return to his parents and start studying at the University of N.S.W.

Evidently Sir Matt Busby's high opinion of the boy is not shared by Western Suburbs, the Sydney club which signed Jack as soon as he returned from Manchester United. Wests have given the striker few first team games in the past three years and it is not surprising that Jack

has now asked for a transfer.

Several N.S.W. clubs are interested in signing David Jack, now 21, and he is determined to prove Wests were wrong to rate him only reserve grade material.

If breeding counts for anything, Jack should make the grade in a big way. His grandfather, also David Jack, was the first man to score a goal at Wembley Stadium, the first man to be transferred for a 10,000 pound fee, and a former captain of England's international team.

But David Jack is not the only Western Suburbs player who has found it difficult convincing the

club of his worth. This season other talented young locals like John Hargreaves and Greg Byles have been constantly frustrated at their inability to win first grade spots. This pair, along with Jack, seem certain to be with new clubs for the 1975 season.

Incidentally Sir Matt Busby wasn't the only Manchester United VIP impressed by David Jack. Assistant manager Pat Crerand said it was "a terrible waste of talent" when the player quit Old Trafford.

No doubt Pat Crerand would have regarded the "waste" as even more regrettable had he known his boy was to be relegated to the reserves in the Sydney Soccer premiership competition.

Western Suburbs have tended in 1973 and again this year to place the emphasis on imported players in their first XI.

Next year, with a ceiling being placed on imports, local youngsters will certainly be given a better go by Wests.

But this new deal looks like coming too late for the likes of David Jack, Greg Byles and John Hargreaves.

England. He has had a few matches with Waterford in the Irish Republic but his main target is Soccer in Australia.

This player has already been in touch with several clubs in Sydney and Melbourne and expects to be fixed up soon.

He travelled from England to South Africa recently and played there as a guest import with the famous George Best. In fact, Shane claims headliner Best is his best friend and says George would be willing to fly with him to Australia to make one or two guest appearances here with the club Shane joins.

It sounds an interesting deal, but Jacob Shane is likely to come quite expensive.

He requires a substantial signing-on fee, good match fees plus certain other guarantees. This would not deter some of Sydney's wealthy clubs but it will narrow down the market.

Incidentally, if any club wants to know more about Jacob Shane, a phone call to Tommy Docherty at Manchester United would provide the information.

The player's home address is 11 Suthers Street, Oldham, Lancs., England.

By JOHN O'BRIEN

Jacob Shane, a talented mid-field player who has played at junior international level for Israel, is anxious to settle in Australia and join a top team here.



Before a large crowd at Devonport's floodlit ground last Thursday, local rivals Ulverstone and Burnie Spartans fought a thrilling final to the Advocate-Norco Batteries night series.

The ground was wet from rain during the day and this prevented the cutting of

The ground was wet from rain during the day and this prevented the cutting of grass which was 3' - 4" high.

From the start it was to be seen that these two teams were evenly matched and play surged both ends of the ground. A highlight of this period was a good run from the right wing by Ulverstone's Kieth Mitchell, but he tried to beat too many players and lost the ball. At the other end the expected battle between Burnie's Mike Denton and Ulverstone's Ken Ord and Burnie's ace striker was kept fairly quiet. After 30 minutes, with Ulverstone's right back laying injured, Denton got free of Ord and with a hard low shot Burnie were one goal up.

Undeterred Ulverstone fought back and built up attack after attack but good work by the Burnie goalkeeper and balls striking the woodwork stopped Ulverstone from getting the equaliser.

After halftime Burnie started off very much in top gear and forced a number of corners in the first 10 minutes without result. Again Ulverstone fought back and the Burnie had their work cut out to contain the lively forwards. Every now and then Burnie broke out of defence and it was from one of these that their second goal was scored. Denton went through with the ball and chased by Ord was forced out to the left and lost the ball. With plenty of time Ord passed back to goalkeeper Bellchambers. Unfortunately the pass wasn't powerful and because of the long grass the ball

Shanee has been training for some time in England with Manchester United but cannot sign with United as a professional because of restrictions which affect all foreign players in

didn't reach him and Denton raced around Ord to put the ball onto Newalls foot who with an open goal made no mistake.

Ulverstone were desperate now and Sam Smyth was replaced by Allen Anderson. Again and again the gallant Burnie defence withstood the pressure until Anderson was pulled down in the box. Ulverstone were awarded a penalty but to prove that this was not their night this was missed. Despite this Ulverstone still stirred and were rewarded five minutes later with a goal by Dollwer from a free kick by Compagne.

The pattern of play continued to the end with Ulverstone striving for the equaliser but Burnie ran out winners by 2 goals to 1.

Burnie Spartans are worthy winners of the Cup and great credit must go to their defence for withstanding pressure from Ulverstone for 80 per cent of the game.

After the game the Cup was presented by the "Advocate" manager (Mr. W. J. Harris) and with a cheque by the Managing Director of Norco Batteries (Mr. J. Bowering).

"Soccerweek" was on sale in Tasmania for the first time at this game and the batch specially flown in that day, was sold out almost immediately.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Last Saturday at Ulverstone's Presentation Night, attended by Soccerweek's Peter Crowley, John Compagne was presented with a life membership.

The reason for John receiving this honour is listed below. Any man with such a record discovers all the rewards possible and maybe in another code he might have got recognition from some local state, or national government body.

John was a founder member of the Club and has played regularly for the 16 years since then. During this season he scored his 100th league goal and finished the year with 105. In 1965 he represented Tasmania against New Zealand and was a regular member of the North West representative side for seven years.

Altogether he has played 332 senior games for the club. In 1971 he won the Clubs Senior best player award for the third time.

John has been a team selector for 10 years, captain for 9 years, committeeman for 8 years, club coach for six years, and vice president for a year.

A truly great record and a shining example to the younger players in our game.

BURNIE ROVERS REAPPOINT COACH

Reg Tolputt was reappointed coach after having taken over the club towards the end of the season. He was responsible for a revival and the Rovers finished for higher in the table than expected.

A number of senior players have left the Club but Reg is confident that junior players now coming through will boost the Rovers.

At the annual meeting Col Cleaver was re-elected president and was joined by John Cavanagh as Secretary and Ron Smith as treasurer. A sign that this year the club will be a force in the league is that the committee is fully composed of non-playing members.

SOCCER WEEK PREVIEW

by JOHN MARTIN

FOOTSCRAY JUST, the team beaten 6-1 by Fitzroy United Alexander in the State League Cup, have won their way through to play them in the final at Middle Park, next Sunday.

JUST completely outplayed George Cross last Sunday despite some poor decisions by the referee.

George Cross had every chance to win when they were 2-0 in the lead but the pressure from JUST was too much. They came from behind to win 4-2 in a thrilling game.

Danger man for JUST was Dan Zoraja who scored two goals in two minutes — one from a penalty. Zoraja is back to his old sharpshooting form of two seasons ago.

Jimmy Milisavljevic was still outstanding as centre back. The former World Cup reserve keeper is looking better with every game he plays as a half back.

I hope this new move does not jeopardise his chances of returning to Australia's World Cup team.

Next Sunday, Fitzroy's strong men brothers

next Sunday.

Frank Donachie, George Gilland and Ian Gibson can play better than they did against Hellas.

Had they maintained the pressure they could have equalised late in the second half instead of going down 2-1 to the league champions.

This trio will have to run more with the ball and try to pass the strong JUST defence or at least find a hole in it during a hectic 90-minute game.

JUST are an up-and-down side. Their form is not reliable.

The big question is "Can Fitzroy beat them again?" And if so, can they beat JUST by a 6-1 margin?

I think they can because of their speed in attack. But JUST are a different side with Milisavljevic out of goal.

Fitzroy could win the State League Cup — but only by the odd goal.

That's my forecast for the last Soccer week Preview of the year.

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Burnie Spartans beat Ulverstone to win the final of 'The Advocate' Norco night soccer series at Devonport last night. Mr W. J. Harris (right) the assistant manager of 'The Advocate', is pictured presenting the winner's trophy to the captain of the Spartans team, Bill Kendrick. Looking on is the managing director of Norco Batteries (Mr J. Bowering) and the captain of the Ulverstone team, John Compagne (second from right).

GEORGE YELLAND GEORGE YELLAND REPORTS GEORGE YELLAND GEORGE YELLAND

Much has been said, in 1974, about the big advances made in Metropolitan Soccer circles, and with very good reason.

Standard of play, changing facilities, club organisation and concern for spectators, are all facets of the League which have improved out of sight.

Before getting lost in a haze of self adulation, there are aspects of performance, by some clubs, which detract from the overall picture of Metropolitan League progress and should be subject to corrective measures, without delay.

LEAGUE MEETINGS

It was noticeable that four clubs were not represented at the Metropolitan Annual General Meeting.

It was also noted that four clubs were missing when the V.S.F. Annual General Meeting was held at Olympia Rooms, recently.

This robs the Metropolitan League of voting power and creates a picture of a dis-united league. There is an automatic fine of \$10 for clubs not represented.

In these days, that is chicken feed. The fine should be an automatic \$200-\$250. In that way, clubs would make sure they had a representative present at these important meetings.

In any event, clubs which do not bother to send representatives, have little sense of responsibility to themselves or their league.

MATCH RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility in their dealings with match officials and opponents has become almost a by-word in the Met.

Most, and I repeat, most clubs are the soul of hospitality to visiting clubs and match officials. Secretaries meet the referee, present him with balls, flags, team sheets etc. and generally treat him with the courtesy and consideration his office demands. Provision is made for separate dressing accommodation in many cases. Showers, half-time and full time coffee or tea, etc., are all evidence of growing maturity in the league. But some clubs are letting the majority down badly. Referees report pathetically archaic dressing conditions at some grounds, or none at all. They also report a complete lack of courtesy, consideration or protection.

These clubs should be brought up to scratch, or if unwilling or unable, they should be weeded out.

Many clubs have their playing areas railed or roped off.

All pitches should have rails or ropes to keep spectators at least two and preferably three metres away from playing areas and more importantly, club officials should ensure that all

spectators remain out side the rail or rope, throughout a match.

SPECTATORS

With the exception of Middle Park, Olympic Park and Jubilee Park, little consideration is shown in State League for the comfort and protection from the elements of spectators.

Very few grounds in the Metropolitan have any protection either under foot or overhead for the faithful who turn up week by week. If crowds are to be increased, or even held, stands like the new one at Box Hill will have to be built, and more satisfactory standing conditions for spectators and cover for wet days will have to receive high priority.

FINES AND FINANCE

Metropolitan clubs have only one vote to four for each State League club. The constitution requires a two-thirds majority for any change, which effectively gags the Met. When Australian matches are used on the English Pools, the Metropolitan provides a major share of fixtures, yet receives nothing for them.

In total, the Metropolitan provides a major portion of the V.S.F.'s finance, yet they are regarded as "amateurs" and the State League as "professionals". State League players receive infinitely more money for their services than Metropolitan, many of whom receive nothing and in some cases pay for the privilege of playing.

In spite of all this, a player sent off in the Metropolitan is subject to an automatic fine of \$10, exactly like a State League player.

Surely this is unjust, to say the least. Of course, this fine was imposed by a State League dominated Board of Management. The number of players sent off or on three cautions, in the Met., has provided a four figure income for Soccer House, for the last few years, but the fact remains that to put players from Rosebud, South Yarra, Mornington etc. on the same basis as those from South Melbourne Hellas, Footscray J.U.S.T. etc. is unjust and immoral.

REFEREES DECISIONS

Further to this injustice, some of the relatively inexperienced referees tend to resort to sending off, for trivial offences, which their more experienced brethren would have dealt with less rigidly.

It appears that in some

cases, the inexperienced referee resort to send off when he feels the game is getting away from him.

ELECTIONS

A disappointing aspect of elections at the Metropolitan Annual General Meeting was the haphazard nominations for office. In a well organised and progressive society, nominations should be made in writing, at least seven days before the meeting, with the seconders signature on, also agreement to the nomination by the nominee.

Just one more little point that the Metropolitan should tidy up, in their efforts to present a truly professional image.

Having attended a large number of end of season presentation dinners and seen the extraordinary lengths that they go to, to give recognition to their players and hard working officials, I am impressed by the relationship between many clubs and their local councils.

Councils are invariably ready to help clubs which show initiative in helping themselves.

They recognise the community value of Soccer clubs, particularly those that cater for juniors and react favourably to clubs that identify themselves with an area.

YEAR OF PROGRESS

For the Metropolitan League, as a whole, 1974 has been a year of progress. The Management Committee recognises that progress means change, that it is impossible to stand still. They either go forward or backwards. At the VSF, AGM the Metropolitan put forward a number of motions which were for the good of the game, not just the Met.

Those that were heard, received scant recognition from the State League.

Fortunately, president Theo Marmaras promised a committee of three from State League and three from Metropolitan to work under an independent chairman, in giving proper consideration to the remaining proposals.

To date, that committee has not been formed and it is about time it was.

This was not to be brushed under the carpet, like so many other things in the past.

FUTURE ACTION

The Metropolitan League is alive and virile. It has a great future, but wise council, patience and unity of purpose must be maintained.

Sooner or later the gospel of a united front is going to get through to State League and Metropolitan alike.

The hard core segregationists must, inevitably, realise that their methods have outlived their usefulness and true progress can only come from a united front.

Soccer in Victoria must embrace the whole state. If it is to go forward from strength to strength,

this fact must be recognised and the State League must give a lead in that direction.

The Metropolitan is ready and willing. How far is the State League prepared to forget its own selfish ends, pull its head out of the sand and make positive moves in the interests of soccer as a whole, in Victoria?

Waverley City players and members had a tremendous presentation night to celebrate their Second Division Championship.

Guests included Cr and Mrs Don McIntosh Mayor and Mayoress of Waverley and Mr George Wallace, secretary of the V.S.F and his wife.

Mr Wallace raced back from Bendigo to present the championship pennant to retiring president Mr Bill Verhagen, who has been such a dynamic force in Waverley's rise from obscurity.

Mr Wallace congratulated the club on its championship but added further congratulations on their constant endeavour to promote Soccer in the progressive Waverley area.

Councillor McIntosh said the Waverley Council planned to upgrade Gardiners Creek Reserve to meet V.S.F. specifications for a First Division club and Mr Wallace commented, "It is stimulating and most encouraging to all of us when local councils are prepared to assist in promoting the international code of football."

"The growth of junior Soccer in the schools, plus the fostering of youth participation by community conscious clubs like Waverley has created a demand for extra grounds and for a much greater acceleration towards professional thinking."

The following were trophy winners:

Senior Player of the Year, Sandy Bruce.

Runner-Up, Eddie Smith.

Reserves Player of the Year, Alan Reeves.

Runner-Up, Eric Skinner.

Third Team Player of the Year (divided equally between), Robin Best and Ian Beattie.

Third "B" team Player of the Year, Bob Houghton.

Sportswriter Award, Robin Best.

Most Improved Player Award to ex-Junior, Paul Cleveland.

Dave Fearn coaches' award, Eddie Smith.

Best Clubman award, Peter Whitehurst.

In the course of the

evening the club paid recognition to the help given by Waverley Council by making the Mayor, Cr Don McIntosh, an honorary member.

The Mayor also presented 42 individual awards to players involved in Waverley's magnificent championship year.

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Bayswater United Soccer Club held their promotion presentation at the Bayswater Hotel and a great night it turned out.

Mayor and Mayoress of the city of Knox, Cr and Mrs Ray Addicoat were chief guests. Other Knox councillors were also present.

The club president Mr Eric Bell made presentations of bouquets of flowers to Mrs Bell and Mrs McBain, plaques to Fred Farrer and Stan Shackleford, and life membership to Bill Stoffels.

He also made a presentation to coach Archie Campbell in recognition of his great work in bringing promotion to Bayswater.

Cr Fasham presented the best player trophy for the third's team to George Plumb and joint runners-up, Robert Dunning and Ron Birchall.

Cr Ray Addicoat, Mayor of Knox, presented the senior best player award to Les Davis and the runner-up trophy to Derek Shackleford.

Stan Wardle received the reserves best player award with Eric Broom the runner-up.

Secretary John Halford presented all players with club pennants to mark their promotion to Division Two.

A group of players set the mood for the evening by turning up in most colorful dress and keeping the tone of the presentation on a high level of enjoyment and laughter.



Mid-field player Eddie Smith receives the senior runner-up trophy from Cr. McIntosh, Mayor of Waverley.



Mayor of Waverley, Cr. Don McIntosh presents the reserves player of the year award to Alan Reeves.



Soccer Week's George Yelland presents Robin Best with the Waverley Gazette, Publicity Award.



Retiring President Bill Verhagen (right) presents Cr. Don McIntosh, Mayor of Waverley, with a scroll of honorary membership of the Waverley City Soccer Club, in recognition of the help given by Waverley Council.



Coach Dave Fearn (left) presents Eddie Smith with the special coach's award.



New president, Mr. Bruce Eastaway, addresses the gathering.



Mayor of Waverley, Cr. Don McIntosh presents Waverley's senior player of the year award to fullback Sandy Bruce.

THE BALLY O WITH LEN STONE

Soccer club officials should never forget that in all the game's spheres, the much maligned coach is the man that matters.

Players must play to the overall plan devised by the coach. If he knows his job, he should be able to get the best out of the players at his disposal.

I think Toni Boggi has shown with his Victorian squad that he is a coach capable of devising the best team tactics to suit his players.

Certainly with Victorian State players, coaching methods have to be streamlined as they are only together for the shortest possible period, therefore an unenviable task for any coach. With Fitzroy United he has more time to mould the team into an effective unit and I feel that under Boggi, Fitzroy United Alexander will have a successful season next year.

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I was told that several prominent overseas clubs are very interested in two Sydney players.

One is Sydney Hakoah's brilliant ball-playing Brazilian Agenor Munitz and the other is Apia's reliable former Victorian Jimmy Rooney who was such an outstanding success with the Soceroos.

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The appearance of Australia in the World Cup confirmed what many people already knew — that the Aussie is a potential champion once he has harnessed his natural skills to a competitive outlet.

Unfortunately there are still pockets in Victoria where youngsters are not given the opportunity to find success in their favourite sport.

There are still some schools in Victoria where there is an antagonism towards soccer.

In Melbourne the situation is not so serious because there are soccer clubs that can boast sound youth schemes and a number of schools do make an honest effort to accommodate youngsters who want to play soccer.

In some country areas it is still difficult for boys who prefer to play soccer getting the chance to kick a round ball at their school.

A colleague told me that during the week he visited two country schools where the majority of boys actually preferring soccer to footy and cricket are denied the opportunity.

This is all wrong and I suggest that parents of the boys should contact the Minister for Sport and

Recreation or the Victorian Soccer Federation for a fair go.

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Arsenal and West Ham may not exactly be setting the English First Division alight at present but both sides are still in great demand overseas.

Latest tour invite to arrive at West Ham general manager's desk from South-East Asia for matches in Bangkok and Malaysia.

And Mr Greenwood said: "It's something we can think about."

An invitation from Australia to add to this could perhaps sway this attractive club to undertake such a tour.

Arsenal get invites from all parts of the globe but one from Singapore and Indonesia would bring this famous club almost to the doorstep of Australia.

Arsenal would certainly draw big crowds and as far as financial demands are concerned, they can never be labelled a greedy club.

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It's not often that you can read about Australian soccer in Holland, but while I was there, a national newspaper reported that we will be at the next Olympic Games.

But the unkind reporter said: "Considering the low standard shown by the paid Australian soccer players at the World Cup, I dread to think how bad their unpaid players must be."

Not a very nice comment. I believe all States for once agree on something and that is — Australia's soccer team should be represented at the next Olympic Games held in Montreal, Canada in 1976.

Of course it is another fine opportunity to promote the game throughout Australia, but where can we find players of a reasonable calibre that play soccer for the love of the game.

Even in the lower divisions some sort of payment is made to the majority of players and this rules them out as far as qualifying for taking part at the Olympic Games is concerned.

I think we would have quite a problem to find a team. Apparently preliminary games in the series commence about September 1975.

Cr Don McIntosh, the Mayor of Waverley, a soccer stronghold and the area in which I live, recently headed a list of celebrities who presented annual awards to members of the Waverley Soccer Club at the club's successful end of the season function.

Sandy Bruce won the 'Player of the Year' award presented by the Mayor. The club's brilliant mid-fielder Eddie Smith was runner-up.

Of course there are other clubs still engaged in friendlies and it won't be long before most clubs start playing again in preparation for next season.

Meanwhile the long old season hasn't finished and surprisingly big crowds have been attending the State League Cup, being played this year at Middle Park, perhaps the most popular soccer ground in Melbourne.

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They told me at Fulham how grateful the club is to a faith healer who cured one of their young stars.

Fulham's exciting young striker Johnny Mitchell is back in the game literally fighting for a place in the First team again.

Believe it or not, the club and Mitchell claim he owes his remarkable recovery to a wonderful faith healer!

Listen to what the popular John Mitchell had to say.

"I have been out of action since the pre-season training a year ago, when I strained my groin.

"It was so frustrating because although I felt fit in myself, the injury affected everything I tried to do.

"I didn't seem to be getting over it, so I visited a faith healer near Dunstable.

"He has been fantastic for me. I even felt a lot better after seeing him for the first time.

"He talked about the injury for a long time. Then he put his hands on my back.

"It was incredible. I felt no pain after that. I felt a strange sensation, but no pain. I have been back three or four times.

"I never really believed in faith healers before, but he has worked wonders for me.

"I have all my confidence back again.

"I can't wait to get back into action.

"A lot of people seem to have written me off. But I will be back.

"I have just started a new weight training course to build up my stamina. I'm lifting about 120 lb. on my back and doing step-up exercises to strengthen my legs.

"One night a week I train with a local football team.

"I have been joining in everything even after a day's training with Fulham.

"Every little bit helps now.

"I have even started scoring a few goals in the reserves.

"I'm determined to get my place back in the first team — and I shall be scoring goals."

Journalist and colleague George Yelland presented the Waverley Gazette Award to Robin Best.

Industrious VSF secretary George Wallace hurried back all the way from Bendigo to present the proud Waverley City Soccer Club with the Division II Premiership pennant.

Mr Andrew Verhagen the retiring president who has worked so hard for the club received it on behalf of the First team and also the reserves runner-up pennant.

And 42 players who in some way or another participated in the promotion success, received individual awards from Waverley's busy Mayor.

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Are the streets of Hong Kong really paved with gold — some Australian soccer players seem to think so.

It is estimated that at least 25 players from this country are playing in Hong Kong and earning more in five months than here in twelve months playing soccer and carrying out a job. In Hong Kong they only have to play soccer.

Amazingly enough they are not even regular first team members of the States top league clubs.

For example, the Victorian trio now under five months contract with the USD club in the crown colony never set the world on fire over here yet they are doing well over there. They are Steve Gore from Slavia, Brian Harvey from Hakoah and Melbourne's Col McFeeley.

All three, I was told, are expected to be back in Melbourne in time for the start of the 1975 season.

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There are a lot of people in a lot of clubs who complain that our soccer season is too long.

Yet clubs themselves arrange after season friendly matches and one of the most exciting recently played was that between Richmond Alemannia and prominent South Australian club called Victoria.

Apparently this is an annual occasion between these clubs and Richmond showed good form at St. Albans ground despite going down 1-0 to the strong guests from S.A. in a high standard match.

Polonia went North as far as Brisbane to win handsomely and Sunshine City went to Hobart and also did Victoria proud with an excellent performance in the Apple Island.

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West Ham signed as a full professional Torquay apprentice Steven Pope, an 18-year-old defender, recommended to West Ham by Torquay manager Malcolm Musgrove, the one-time Hammers wing.

Ron Greenwood, who transferred Musgrove to Orient after taking over as manager at West Ham, revealed: "With no reserve team at Torquay Malcolm felt the boy would progress better elsewhere and so sent him

to us. He played in several junior games and we liked what we saw enough to take him on as a full professional."

Torquay United please note, any time you want young players on the verge of First Team duty

but unable to get a game, send them to Australian clubs on loan and when they are due back they may have developed into Adrian Alstons. Certainly worth the expense of flying them to Australia and back!

Committee members regarding Hakoah's performances. There is a possibility that Sam will take over a coaching job with another state league club.

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MIDDLE PARK TRUSTEES MUST BE VERY HAPPY with the financial success of the State League Cup series which were switched over in the last minute from Olympic Park — the headquarters of the VSF. Close to 20 thousand people watched the three robin rounds and Sunday's final could be an all time record if the weather will hold.

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92 countries have entered the 1976 Olympic soccer tournament. Australia will play in the Oceania group against Papua and New Guinea. The 1972 final of the Olympic tournament was won by POLAND and several players of the winning Polish team will be seen in action in Australia when LKS will tour the country.

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TEO MARMARAS THE VSF PRESIDENT WAS ALL SMILES when he presented a cup to the winning junior team under 16-SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS. No wonder, Teo is an ex-president of Hellas and a Patron of the Greek Club.

ON SIDE WITH STEPHEN KALUS

FOOTSCRAY-JUST PROVED ONCE MORE what a great team it is! Down 0:2 in the second half against George Cross and only with 16 minutes of the game left, JUST fought back equalizing within two minutes and in the last seconds of the most exciting game in the State League Cup series, scored two great goals and qualified for the final.

South Melbourne Hellas win against Fitzroy Alexander wasn't good enough and the goal average decided in favour of Alexander which will play JUST in the final.

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BILL CURRAN THE SUCCESSFUL COACH OF THE VICTORIAN UNDER 16 TEAM was appointed assistant coach to Tony Boggi. The Victorian squad is having regular trainings in preparation for the big game against the Polish "Tourists" LKS.

Both coaches are trying out new players and the final squad will be announced immediately after the Christmas Holidays. In the meantime LKS is trying to strengthen the team with several internationals, but for the time being only two stars namely Kaz Deyna and Wacław Gadocha received permission to tour Australia together with LKS.

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SAM PAPASAVAS SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS PRESIDENT had at the weekend another reason to be happy. His under 16 junior team in a final cup game played at Middle Park last Saturday defeated a strong Hakoah-St. Kilda side 4:0. Goal scorers for the winners were: George Stanotopolu, George Miron, Terry Sakis and Cris Kalafatis.

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MICHAEL WEINSTEIN THE BRAIN OF VICTORIAN SOCCER, was elected Chairman of the Board of Management for the 5th time in succession. The new boss of the State League is Sam Papasavas and several new faces were elected to the board. They are: Vital Cilaura, John Timsis, Tom Bailey, and Less Shorrock from the Metropolitan League.

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DAVID STUART a 22 year old linkman from Edinburgh-Scotland was signed by Hakoah-St. Kilda. David was playing for Gala Fairydean a semi-professional team in Edinburgh.

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In the SPOTLIGHT as seen by FRED HABBE

The decision of Sydney's first division clubs to restrict the import of overseas players has been the greatest piece of soccer news since the Victorian Soccer Federation and GTV Channel 9 announced their Saturday afternoon live telecast of State League games earlier this year.

I understand that NSW Federation president Peter McCann has, among other progressive proposals, suggested that the import of overseas players be restricted to three per club. In a special meeting of the NSW executive recently the move was unanimously adopted, and now only needs the sanction of a special General Meeting to come into force. Peter McCann has reportedly staked his job on the adoption of this important proposal.

Designed to give the local born soccer talent the chance to break through into the big time, this move will, potentially, change the whole previous pattern of recruiting and team building. No longer will clubs be able to sign up has-beens or those that failed to make the grade in the leading European countries, or at least their scouts have to be a lot more choosy.

Gone will be those times when club officials went on overseas trips to round up a herd of 2nd rate players while talented local players powerlessly looked on

how the imports deprived them of a chance to prove themselves.

Now is the time that clubs will have to give a lot of thought of how to coach promising youngsters to become the stars of the game, youngsters that call themselves Australians because they have been born or grown up in this country. What's really needed to kick the game ahead are first class coaches; not to pep up teams consisting of foreign legions, of players unlikely to produce much more than mediocre performances, no, top class coaches to recognise the young talent and to bring out the

best of them.

All the huge amounts presently being spent on so-called overseas talents could be spent so much better on first class coaches, coaches that practise their skills and teach them to others.

Let's not fool ourselves. Of all those tens of thousands of youngsters that have taken to the code there are just as many star prospects as there are star prospects in all those overseas countries among the juniors. The only difference is that in those countries promising talents are being fostered and built up by expert coaches in order to realise their star

potential.

In England a lad when he shows potential is granted apprenticeships by the big clubs, and if he has the making for a great player he's certain to break through. And why? Because of expert coaching.

With the restriction of imported players clubs in future will be compelled to pay lots more of attention to junior coaching. The times of enthusiastic but completely unqualified coaches for junior teams will have to change.

Let's only hope that the NSW General Meeting will approve of McCann's proposal, a proposal that not only shows a lot of courage, for, let's face it, the move will bring initial setbacks, but also great foresight. And for that matter the rest of Peter McCann's proposals that have been approved by the NSW executive show the same progressive thinking.

GRAND WIND-UP OF INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

The Camberwell Civic Centre was the scene of this year's Presentation Dinner Dance of the Metropolitan Industrial League and what a fitting

finale it was.

350 players, supporters, officials and guests filled the magnificent hall and all contributed to a truly great evening. Mr. Chuck Faulker of Division 4 fame and his lovely wife Julie honored the League with their presence. As Chuck told me his life has consisted of more than acting. Among other things he's played soccer for 20 years and has been a keen follower of the game as far as he can think back, and what's more he's keen on getting back into the game as a coach.

Chuck Faulkner presented the champions of each of the three League divisions with their shields and banners.

Federation Vice-President Eric Heath and wife, VSF secretary George Wallace and wife, AGE soccer writer Laurie Schwab and wife, the Manager of TARAX in Huntingdale, Mr. David Chant and wife, Mr. David Martin Sales Manager of Philip Morris Ltd. and wife, and Mr. Alan Webster, Marketing Manager of Courage Breweries, were among the many guests at the very popular function.

Among the more

illustrious prestation was the KINGFORD TEAM OF THE YEAR award which went to Ford Falcons Soccer Club in recognition for their magnificent and sensational achievement of winning the Adidas Cup against competition from 20 higher graded teams.

The runners-up cheque of the KINGFORD AWARD went to McColl Soccer Club for their 2nd successive championship in the top division.

The COURAGE awards for the best and fairest players in each of the three divisions were presented by Alan Webster to Donald Young of Dulux (division 1), David Grundy of Patons Brakes (division 2) and Kaz Kowalek of Cartro (division 3).

The highlight of the evening was the announcement and presentation of the TARAX Player of the Year award which is valued at \$150.00. The winner of the mammoth trophy and a sizable cheque was Donald Young of Dulux soccer club. Indeed a highly successful night for Don after first winning the 1st division best and fairest trophy.

When presented with

the trophy Mr. David Chant, Donald was seemingly stuck for words. The winner was kept secret until the night of the presentation to maintain the surprise element and this succeeded entirely.

Second in the Player of the Year contest came McColl's Paul Corke, winning his third trophy for the 1974 season, after earlier winning the best and fairest awards for both McColl and Box Hill.

Third came Joe Mori of Repco Clayton who had a highly successful season in his first year with Repco.

INDUSTRIALS CHANGE NAME

At the Annual General Meeting of the MISL at the Princes Gate Conference Centre in the City, a motion calling for the change of name of the League from the Metropolitan Industrial Soccer League to that of the Industrial Soccer League of Victoria was unanimously approved by the delegates.

As was outlined by the chairman, Mr. John Borg the change of name should end the constant confusion and mix-ups

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with the Metropolitan League. As furthermore also country teams are participating the new name also seems more appropriate.

Other decisions of importance were the recommendation to the Executive to study feasibility of a reserves competition, and if

possible take steps for the set-up of such a reserve comp in 1975.

Dave Maitland of Ford Falcons Soccer Club, and also a former FIFA referee was elected vice-president to fill the vacancy created due to previous vice-president, Mr. George Schwedt not standing again. All other officials were re-elected.

SUNSHINE LOOK A BRIGHT PROSPECT

By JOHN MARTIN

IF Sunshine City don't get a good deal in publicity next season, it won't be through any fault of their live-wire publicity man, Matt Patterson.

Like Joe Dines, of Mooroolbark United, he appreciates the value of the media — something clubs like Hellas, George Cross, Footscray JUST to name a few, have failed to consider seriously.

Dines, when his club was struggling in first division, constantly kept in touch with the Press and we are pleased to record, continued to do so when the team was promoted into State League.

Other clubs in top company have failed to appoint a man with one or two exceptions — Fitzroy United (Steve Williams) and Hakoah St Kilda (Steve Kalus).

But here again the latter fell out of favor when his journalistic mind was producing good news copy which offended some of the Hakoah committee.

Let's hope Matt Patterson keeps up the good work with Sunshine because I for one know that his club will benefit from it in the long run.

Matt tells me he has already written the club's history for the local Sunshine Advocate which they published. He has also had a fine story published in the Footscray Mail, which I believe came from the pen of Laurie Schwab.

Matt tells me: 'My aim is to establish good and fruitful lines of communication with the press. We realise the value of the media to our club and the game in general, and to this end in the forthcoming State League you will find us as co-operative as possible.'

'For the coming year we hope to introduce some organised cheer squads, banners, T shirts, club scarves and generally put some color and life into the soccer scene, not to mention the vocal support and 'lift' the players get from such enterprises.'

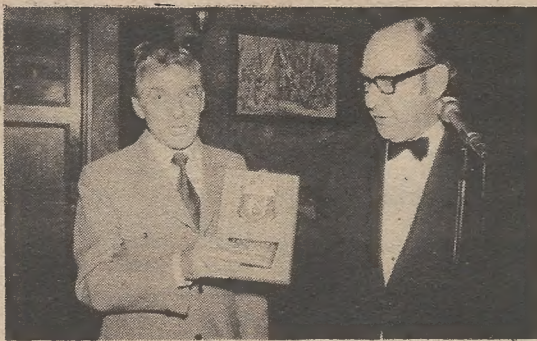
'The press will receive a service second to none on their visits to Sunshine City next year. We hope to provide the usual hospitality perhaps of a liquid nature, as well as an up-to-the-minute resume on team changes, injuries, etc.'

'The phone has been installed and scores from other grounds will be announced over the public address system as they happen,' said Matt. I understand the club is conducting hush-hush negotiations with a number of players for the coming season but Matt says as soon as these stars have been signed the Press will be informed.

The big company of Massey-Ferguson is one firm already behind the club. They have provided track suits and look like being the club's sponsor for next season.

Some of the names State League fans will be reading about next year are Billy Johnson, 27, goalkeeper; Mike, Dixey, 22, right back; Albie Seenan, 35, utility; Frank Mussells, 19, linkman; Mike Banagan, 27, linkman; Wilf Laing, 25, striker; Bobby Pocock, 32, linkman; Jim McRobert, 23, triker; Jim Paul, 28, linkman; Kaz Pietrowski, 25, striker; Herbie Seenan, 27, centre back; Bill Murray, 28, striker; Terry Walker, 27, centre back; Steve 'Butch' Kokoska, 23, centre back; George Maikoussis, 25, striker; Tony Wolczewski, 27, striker; Chris Petrov, 20, left back; John Scholten, 20, goalkeeper; Ian Petherick, coach.

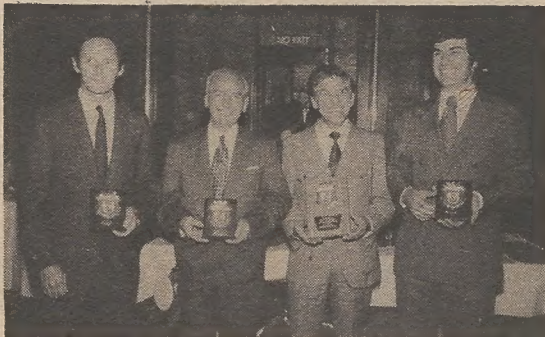
BAYSWATER UNITED PRESENTATION NIGHT



President Eric Bell presents Bill Stoffels with his Life Membership trophy.



Mayor of Knox, Cr. Ray Addicoat makes the senior best player award to Les Davis.



Bayswater behind the scenes workers show their awards made in recognition of great service. Left to right: Fred Farrar, Stan Shackleford, Bill Stoffels and Alistair Robertson.



President Eric Bell makes the club award to coach Archie Campbell.



Cr. Addicoat presents Derek Shackleford with the seniors runner-up trophy.



Players of Bayswater's three senior teams at the club's presentation dinner dance.



'The boys'. Bayswater players in their colourful dress which added so much to the presentation dinner dance, at Bayswater Hotel.

Best senior player Les Davis proceeds to fill his trophy with champagne before handing it round for all to join in and toast Bayswater's promotions.



Members of the Waverley City Ladies Committee which has done so much to help the club's rapid rise to First Division status, left to right: Dawn Beattie, Brenda Budd, Barbara Best, Mary McHugh, Brenda Richardson, Ann Whitten, Jean Quy, Helen Reeves, Lynda Weir and Sheila Sharp who each received a bottle of champagne in recognition of their work.
